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New subway, lifts, free Wi-Fi at City Railway Station Inaugurated in Bengaluru via video link

Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and other dignitaries flag off the new train between Bengaluru and Hassan at Yesvantpur Railway Station in Bengaluru this morning. They also inaugurated a new subway, lifts and free Wi-Fi facilities at Mysuru Railway Station via video link.

Mysuru, Mar. 26 (RK&BCT)- A host of railway projects and services were commissioned at the City Railway Station this morning.

The facilities were jointly launched from Yesvantpur Railway Station in Bengaluru and Mysuru Station by former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu and Chief Minister Siddharamaiah.

Union Minister H.N. Ananthkumar, former Union Minister and former Karnataka Chief Minister M. Veerappa Moily, Karnataka Law Minister T.B. Jayachandra, Large and Medium Scale Industries Minister R.V. Deshpande, Animal Husbandry Minister A. Manju and Member of Parliament D.K. Suresh were present.

They were joined by Mysuru-Kodagu Member of Parliament Pratap Simha via video link that was set up at Platform 6 in Mysuru.

MLA Vasu, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar and Divisional Railway Manager Atul Gupta were present. A giant screen was set up at the venue for the people to watch the inauguration.

(See SUBWAY on page 8)

Forest Dept. to take over three Palace elephants

Mysuru, Mar. 26 (MTY&BCT)- Three out of the six female elephants in the Mysore Palace will soon be taken over by the Forest Department following a request by the Mysore royal family.

The elephants were rescued from Gemini Circus about 20 years ago following a Court order. Animal rights activists had petitioned the Court where they claimed that the elephants were being tortured in the name of entertainment. The Court had ordered the Forest Department to take over the elephants – Ruby, Rajeshwari, Gemini, Chanchala, Seetha and Preethi.

Following the Court order, the then scion of Mysore royal family Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar had volunteered to take care of the elephants and accordingly, they were sent to the Palace. The elephants were one of the main tourist attractions inside the Palace and they were being used for "elephant safari" where tourists had an opportunity to ride on them and experience royalty.

(See ELEPHANTS on page 8)

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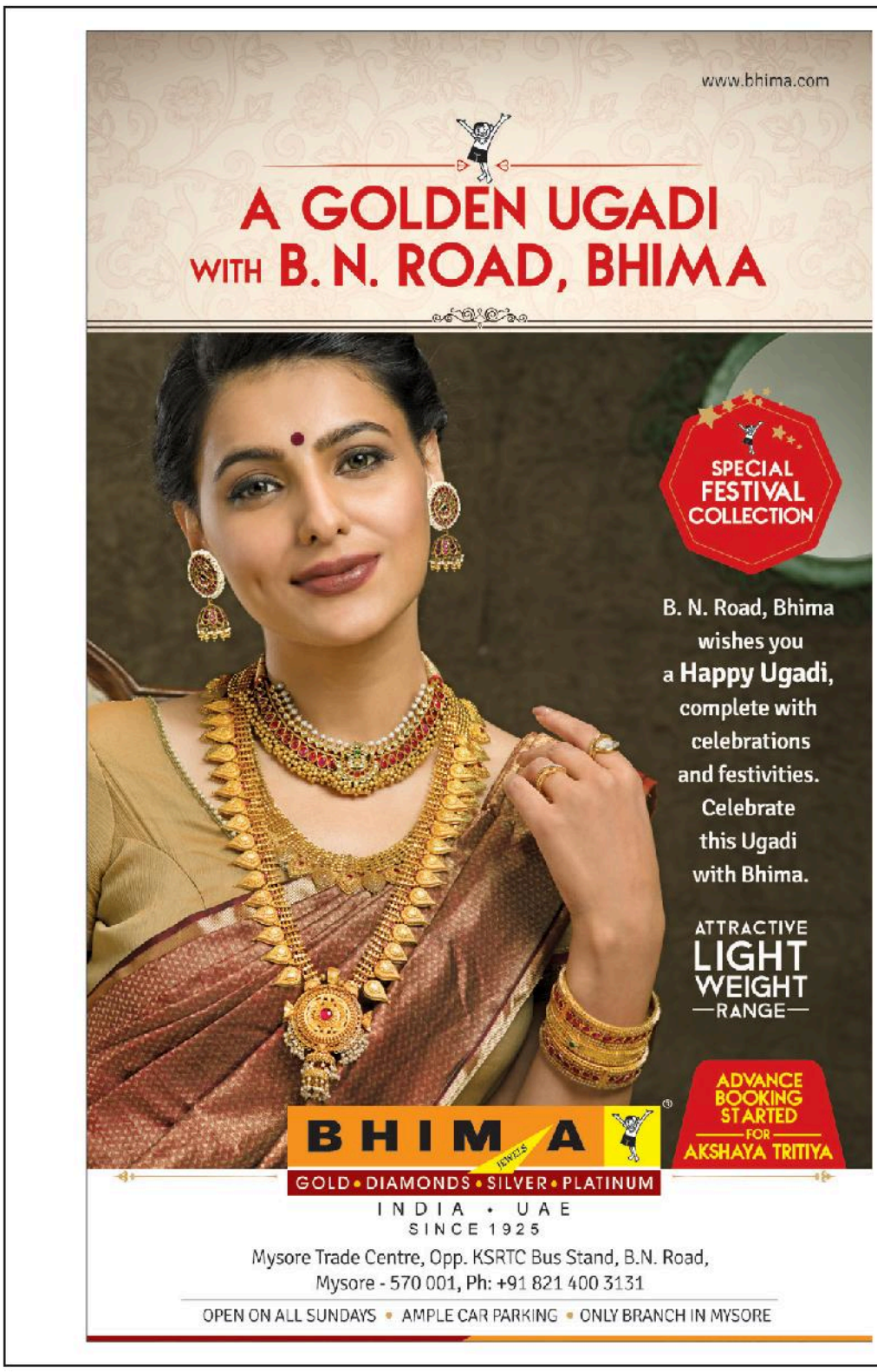
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Mysuru, Sunday 26th March 2017

Aspiring doctors can take up NEET in Mysuru too

New Delhi, Mar. 26- Mysuru, Davanagere, Hubballi and Udupi districts are now among the places in Karnataka where aspiring doctors can take the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test. The Central Board of Secondary Education announced yesterday it was increasing the number of exam centres in Karnataka and other States.

Only Bengaluru, Belagavi, Kalaburagi, and Mangaluru districts had earlier been chosen to conduct NEET in Karnataka this year. With the decision to increase centres, NEET will now be held in eight districts of Karnataka.

On the NEET website, students can choose where they want to take the exam, according to a notification issued by the CBSE on Friday. Candidates can revise cities chosen earlier. Once students have chosen their cities, the CBSE will take into account the total number of candidates and allot centres.

The CBSE had earlier finalised 80 cities to hold the nationwide test on May 7. It has now increased the number to 103, in view of a 41.42% increase in the number of students registering for the test.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

*Two nature-watchers, both peering through binoculars. 1st watcher: **All gone. And to think that just a short while ago the place was full of them.** 2nd watcher: **Yeah, wherever you looked there they'd be, flocking together even though they weren't all birds of the same feather. And they've disappeared, as suddenly as they came.***

*1st Watcher: **And now no one will see them, not for the next five years which is their expected migratory pattern.** 2nd watcher: **Well, it used to be five years, but of late these foregatherings have become much more frequent.***

*1st watcher: **That's true. No one, not even expert watchers like us who've been studying them for years, can predict when they'll all turn up together, or where.** 2nd watcher: **Yep, all cheeping and chattering away, each trying to be louder than all the others.***

*1st watcher: **You can say that again. All of them making those strange mating calls of theirs, competing with each other to attract maximum attention to themselves.** 2nd watcher: **And the really weird part of the show-sha and hangama is that it's so short-lived, and once it's over they vanish as though they never existed. Until the next time, when again the whole tamasha is repeated.***

*1st watcher: **I wonder if this phenomenon is peculiar to India, or whether other countries also harbour similar species.** 2nd watcher: **I believe that most, if not all, countries have them. But what's unique about our species is that once their periodic sighting is over, no one knows where they go and what they do till the next time they show up.***

*1st watcher: **You're right. We can take justifiable pride in being able to play host to a truly rare and remarkable breed which proves the saying that it's the early bird that catches the worm.** 2nd watcher: **That rare breed being Politico Indicus, the Indian politician, who turns up each election time to get our votes and then disappears till the next election.***

*1st watcher: **And the worm all these early birds try to catch is the voter.** —Jug Suraiya in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Drip-proof wine bottle

Boston: If you've ever poured wine out of a glass bottle, you're already familiar with that annoying yet inevitable stream of spillage on the side of the bottle. It's been a bane of wine aficionados for centuries, but no more, thanks to this drip-proof wine bottle created by a biophysicist.

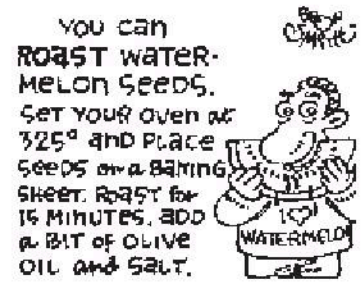
Daniel Perlman, a wine lover and biophysicist at Brandeis University. So he set out to find a cheap and effective fix to this centuries-old problem. The scientist's solution was as simple as it was brilliant – using a diamond-studded tool, Perlman made a circular groove roughly 2 mm wide and 1 mm deep around the neck of the bottle just below the lip. Now, a drop of wine that would otherwise flow down the side of the bottle unrestricted meets the groove and can't traverse it. Instead, it drops from the bottle, straight into the glass, where it belongs. Brilliant!

Online shopping not always fun

Hanoi: The Adidas Yeezy Boost 350 "Turtle Dove" are some of the most expensive sneakers money can buy, so when one Vietnamese sneakerhead spotted them for sale at a discounted price, he decided it was too good a chance to miss. But you know what they say, 'if something seems too good to be true, it probably is.' Designed by Adidas in collaboration with superstar Kanye West, the Yeezy Boost 350 "Turtle Dove" sneakers were released on June 27, 2016, for a retail price of $200. They sold out almost instantly. On Amazon, a pair of original Yeezy Turtle Doves costs between $2,000 and $5,000, so when Max Hoang Trinh found a pair for only $750 on eBay, he thought himself the luckiest guy in the world. So young Max decided they were worth the risk. Turns out it was an error of judgement, and an expensive one at that. When the package he was eagerly waiting for finally arrived, Max but upon opening the cardboard box, instead of the Yeezy Turtle Doves he had paid for, he had gotten a pair of cute Yeezy-style plush slippers, leading him to disappointment.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Are watermelon seeds edible?


YOU CAN ROAST WATER-MELON SEEDS. SET YOUR OVEN AT 325° AND PLACE SEEDS ON A BAKING SHEET. ROAST for 15 MINUTES. ADD a BIT of OLIVE OIL and SALT.
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Watermelon seeds should not be eaten straight from the fruit. They should first be sprouted, shelled and dried. Then they become a nutrition powerhouse. 1/8 cup of watermelon seeds boasts 10 grams of protein.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Fun Fair and Food Fest by Kodagu Mahila Sangha

Mysuru, Mar. 26- Shree Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha has organised a Fun Fair and Food Fest on Apr. 2 (Sunday) from 11 am to 3 pm at Kodava Samaja, Vijayanagar 1st Stage in city.

Prof. K.C. Belliappa, Chairman of Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions, Kuvempunagar, will be the chief guest.

K. Thara Belliappa will be the guest of honour and will distribute the prizes for the winners.

A cooking competition has been organised for the Sangha members under the theme 'Chittani Puttu and other Kodava Puttu,' on the occasion.

This apart, various games have been organised while veg and non-veg food are also available.

The proceeds of the event will be utilised towards helping deserving students, to conduct free medical camp and for other schemes of the Sangha.

For details, contact Sangha President Jerry Ponnappa on Mob: 99015-36733 or Secretary Kavya Kuttappa on 99642-36284.

Atta-e-Rasool Conference in Ballari on Mar. 30

Mysuru, Mar. 26- Al Karnataka Meelad-o-Juloos-Rehamath-ul-Alameen Committee, Ballari Branch, Ballari, has organised Attha-e-Rasool Conference at Ranga Mandira, near New Bus Stand, Ballari, on Mar. 30 at 9 pm.

Sufi Saint Hazarath Syed Mahamood Ashraf Ashrafi Jeelani, Sajjad-e-Nasheen Khan-e-Kha, Hussaniya, Sarkar-e-Kala Kachucha Shariff Ahmed Abad State & Taj-ul-Ulma, Hazarath Moulana Sha, Syed Mohd. Noorani Miyan Ashrafi Jeelani hailing from Kachucha Sharaiff (Lucknow) UP State, Hazarath Moulana Mufti Sha, Shaik Hamari (Yemon) will take part in the Conference.

The Mohdees Azam Mission Mysuru Branch office-bearers and Wabaqstan Silsilaha Ashnafiya and devotees from Mysuru city are attending this programme under the leadership of Jameel Ahmed Ashrafi, President, Mohdees Azam Hind Mission, Mysuru.

For details, contact Mob: 94481-77774 or 94487-12376 or 98804-93935.

Really...?

- ***An epidemic of laughing that lasted almost a year broke out in Tanganyika (now Tanzania) in 1962. Several thousand people were affected, across several villages. It forced a school to close. It wasn't fun, though — other symptoms included crying, fainting, rashes, and pain.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Wife:** How much do you love me? **Husband:** I love you so much, I can't measure. **Wife:** No, just tell me. **Husband:** Okay, I am like a cell phone and you are my sim card, I am nothing without you... **Wife:** Wow! that's so romantic. **Husband (saying to himself):** Thank God she doesn't know, this a Chinese phone, with four sim cards !*

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VOICE OF THE READER

My Pandavapura connection... Down the memory lane...

Sir,

Your '*Abracadabra*' about a Mandya man (*Star of Mysore* dated Mar. 23) has prompted me to narrate my experience with the people of Pandavapura taluk in particular.

My memory goes back to 1970 when I started my practice as a surgeon in Mysore. I recall and appreciate the services of late Dr. J.S. Raman and Dr. Kamala Raman for starting a full-fledged surgical unit in their nursing home in Krishnamurthypuram for the first time in the private sector in Mysore. My first patient to be operated there was Karimalle Gowda from K. Bettahalli which you have referred in your article. Here the alphabet 'K' stands for Kurubara as many of them were engaged in sheep business. They were buying them in far off places in Chitradurga district and used to bring them by road!

Karimalle Gowda and his brother had the hair on their head cut in a semi-lunar fashion as a custom. He had to be operated for a prostatic problem. General surgeons those days in the true sense of the term were doing urological, orthopaedic and other surgeries except heart and brain. In the absence of obstetrician in the private field (Government doctors were banned from private practice then) I had to do some emergency Caesarian section too.

Pandavapura was known as Hirode earlier to independence. There are about 20 villages within a radius of 10 kms from the town. The patients from these villages used to come to Kamakshi Hospital where I shifted my practice. I feel indebted to the people of this taluk as I developed my practice all because of the patient load from the villages. To name a few — Haravu, Kyathanahalli, K. Bettahalli, K. Settyhalli, Chikkade, Kennalu, Kadithanalu, Harohalli, Yelekere, Pattasomanahalli, Damarahalli, Hiremarali, Katteri and some more to add !

It is not a matter of exaggeration if I mention here that at any point of time there used to be at least 8-10 patients in the general ward of Kamakshi Hospital from these villages.

One Sidde Gowda was a regular patient from Harohalli. He was accompanied by his nephew Nanjude Gowda who incidentally became the Municipal President later. Mandya district, a hot-bed of politics from the days of Independence and Pandavapura is no exception for that. C. Anne Gowda from Chikkade was a prominent politician. He and his brother Swamy Gowda's families were my patients. So also Basave Gowda, who was the Chairman of the Pandavapura Sugar Mill.

Water from KRS canals practically feeds the entire Pandavapura taluk. Paddy and sugarcane are the cash crops. People are quite cordial and trustworthy. Their paying capacity was good.

One of my colleagues Dr. R.S. Achar, who was working with me as an assistant, started a clinic near the hand-post which is also mentioned in your write-up. But due to some reason he could not continue there for long.

Two practitioners one Dr. D.C. Thammaiah near the P. Pura Railway Station and the other Dr. Mayee Gowda, a localite, used to send me their surgical cases. While the former is no more the latter has wound up his practice.

As the time rolled by and with the available medical facilities all around, the influx of patients from Pandavapura has dwindled but the memory is indelible.

Lastly, a word about the medical practice in Mysore in the 70s. My contemporary consultants in the city were Dr. C.D. Sreenivasamurthy, Dr. B.V. Rajagopal, Dr. S. Bhaskar and J.V. Narayan, all physicians. Dr. K.B. Subbaiah joined us in late 70s leaving Mission Hospital. Of course, Dr. Kannan and Dr. N.M. Srinivas had their Pathology and X-Ray labs. Our consultation fee would be Rs.5, never beyond Rs.10 and operations like Hernia repair and appendicectomy would cost Rs. 500 inclusive of surgeon's and hospital charges !

—Dr. C.G. Narasimhan

Mysuru
24.3.2017

Indiscriminate parking of vehicles on road side

Sir,

It has become a routine practice, nay enduring passion, among many of our motorists to indiscriminately station or park their motor vehicles (of all types) on the side of road of this busy city unauthorisedly. Motorists do this as per their will and wish, caring less for the existing rules.

Officially terming, we may call such action as a sheer violation of traffic rules, leading to various unwarranted accident-prone habits. After parking their vehicles motorists do not bother to remove their vehicles on time.

Instead they indulge in all sorts of discussions, as if the place where they parked their vehicles is their own property. This situation is an unhealthy one and not tolerable too.

We still remember how our noted film actor Shankar Nag met with an accident while he was on his way to Bijapur for shooting purpose during midnight. His untimely death was attributed to the illegal parking of a vehicle on roadside.

There may be several instances of the same nature which go unnoticed. It is a pity that we do not learn from the above incidents.

The situation of unauthorised parking of vehicles becomes more complex when accidents take place abruptly, causing more injuries including deaths. So it is pertinent that the Police who are the concerned authorities should take immediate action to prevent such illegal parking of vehicles (of all types) on road sides.

—S. Abdul Gafoor
on e-mail

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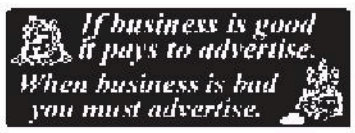


Bevu Bella special moments

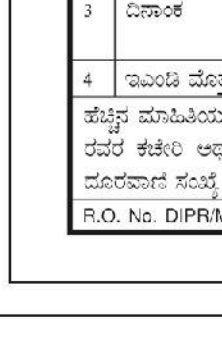
Mysuru, Mar. 26- Tanishq Mysore has invited essays from the residents of Mysuru on their memorable *Ugadi* festival experiences.

The essay must be within 250 words and must be submitted at Tanishq showroom on D. Devaraja Urs Road before Mar. 29.

The best 3 essays will get a chance to win Tanishq jewellery.

ART Excel course

Mysuru, Mar. 26- All Round Training in Excellence (ART Excel) is a course for children (age group of 7 to 13 years) devised by Sri Ravishankar Guruji and conducted by his Art of Living Foundation.



Art of Living Mysore Chapter has organised this course at Sri Ravishankar Guruji Ashram, Lalithadripura Road, Mysuru, from Mar. 31 to April 9 between 10 am and 1 pm.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Results of Kannada exam out

The Kannada Sahitya Parishat has published the results of Kannada exams (Kannada Pravesha, Kava, Jaana and Ratna) at its office notice board in Bengaluru and in its website www.kasapa.in. The marks list and certificates will be despatched shortly to the candidates. For details, contact Ph: 080-26623584.

Calling Kunchitiga students

The Kunchitiga Sangha, having office on Dewan's Road, Devaraja Mohalla, has invited applications from eligible Kunchitiga students who are set to join first, fifth and eight standards, 1st year diploma, 1st PUC, 1st Degree and 1st PG Degree in the forthcoming academic year (2017-18), for extending student scholarships. The prescribed application forms can be collected from the office during working hours (10 am to 5 pm) till April 8. The deadline for submission of filed-in application forms is April 24, application received thereafter will not be considered.

Talk on ENT

Mysore Jilla Prakrithika Chikitsa Samsthe, Vidyaranyapuram, has organised a talk on ENT by Dr. K.S. Vani (Karuna Hospital, Mysuru) at Shivananda Jnanalaya, JLB Road, Lakshmipuram, on Apr. 2 at 3 pm. For details, contact Dr. N. Krishnamurthy on Mob: 93420-73674, according to a press release.

'Trade Licence Distribution' prog.

Hotel Owner's Association and Hotel Owner's Association Charitable Trust has jointly organised a 'Mysuru City Corporation Trade Licence Distribution' programme at Nityotsava Multi-purpose Convention Centre, near Ballal Circle, on Mar. 28 at 7.30 pm. M.J. Ravikumar, Mayor, will inaugurate the programme. P.V. Giri, ex-President, Hotel Owner's Association, Mahadevappa, Chairman, Health Committee and former Dy. Mayor, Purushotham, former Mayor and Corporator Ward No.7, H.S. Nandish Preetham, Chairman, Town Planning Works Committee, P. Nityananda, Chairman, Nityostava Group, will be the guests of honour. C. Narayanagowda, President, Hotel Owner's Association and Ravishastri, President, Hotel Owner's Association Charitable Trust, will be present.

IT & Management Fest on Mar.28

Seshadripuram Degree College, Hebbal Ring Road, has organised a 'IT and Management Fest' under the theme 'Samruddhi' at its premises on Mar. 28 for the college students in and around Mysuru. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2970536 or Mob: 96119-81857 / 58.

CM forms teams for by-polls

Bengaluru, Mar.26- With prestige at stake for the Congress in the Nanjangud and Gundlupet by-poll, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has formed separate teams comprising of his Cabinet Ministers, to ensure the victory of Congress candidates in both the seats.

While PWD Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa has been entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring Congress candidate Kalale Keshavamurthy's win in Nanjangud, Energy Minister D.K. Shivakumar and water resources Minister M.B. Patil have been entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring the win of Congress candidate Geetha Mahadevaprasad in Gundlupet by-poll.

Mahadevappa Veerabhadrappa Shivakumar Patil

Along with Dr. Mahadevappa, senior Congress leader and former KPCC President Allum Veerabhadrappa, Health Minister Ramesh Kumar, Social Welfare Minister H. Anjaneya, Women and Child Welfare Minister Umashree, Higher Education Minister Basavaraj Rayareddy, Planning and Statistics Minister M.R. Seetharam, Housing Minister M. Krishnappa, Agriculture Minister S.S. Mallikarjun, Primary and Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait and State's special representative in Delhi Appaji Nadagouda have been entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring Keshavamurthy's win in Nanjangud.

As far as Gundlupet is concerned, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, Urban Development Minister Roshan Baig, Food and Civil Supplies Minister U.T. Khader, Excise Minister Vinay Kulkarni, Animal Husbandry Minister A. Manju, Small Scale Industries Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, Municipal Administration Minister Eshwar Khandre, Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil, Fisheries and Ports Minister Pramod Madhwaraj and senior leader S.R. Patil have been asked to work along with Ministers D.K. Shivakumar and M.B. Patil, for ensuring the victory of the party candidate Geetha Mahadevaprasad.

Vishwanath flays abrupt removal of Mysuru City Congress Chief

Mysuru, Mar.26- Stating that the sudden replacement of Mysuru City Congress President T.S. Ravishankar with R. Murthy, a former KEA Chairman, was unfortunate, former MP and senior Congress leader A.H. Vishwanath has maintained that the change was effected at the insistence of Chief Minister Siddharamaiah.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday, Vishwanath said that the replacement was an insult to T.S. Ravishankar alleging that Primary Education Minister Tanveer Sait had influenced Siddharamaiah through PWD and Mysuru District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa to drop Ravishankar.

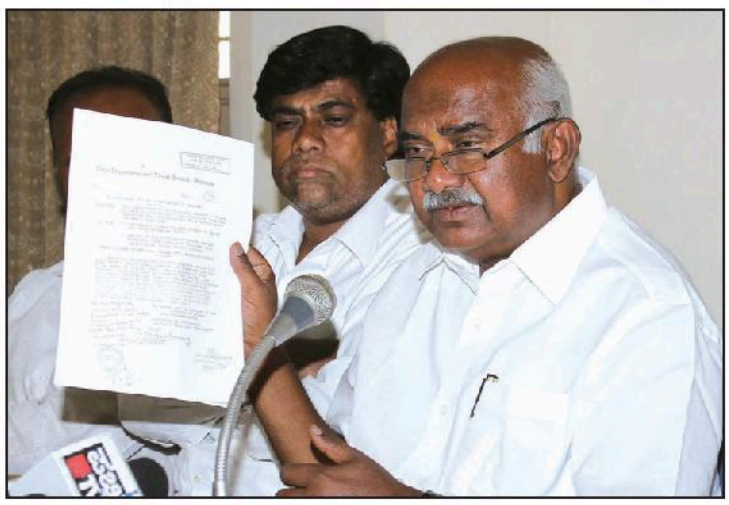
He also pointed out that the Congress was strong not because of Siddharamaiah, Mahadevappa and Sait, but due to committed party workers.

Maintaining that Ravishankar was trying to foil the plans of a Minister who was allegedly conspiring to usurp a land allotted to the District Congress Committee near the City Railway Station and this may be the reason for his removal, Vishwanath said that Ravishankar had also attended a meeting convened by him to discuss the reply to be sent to the notice issued to him (Vishwanath) and this may be another reason for dropping him.

"The erstwhile CITB had allotted the land in question to the Congress party in 1964. The leaders then had got the Khata in the name of Devaraj Urs Social, Economic and Education Trust. Later, the illegal khata, was scrapped due to the efforts of Congress leaders. The land belongs to the Congress and Ministers such as Tanveer Sait have no right to speak about it," he said.

Continuing, Vishwanath said that now, there are original documents to authenticate that the 11,000 square ft. of land belongs to the Congress and as such, the Chief Minister and the KPCC President should take steps to save the property of the party.

The former MP further said that he will meet AICC President Sonia Gandhi after Ugadi festival and explain to her the plight of the Congress party in Karnataka under the current leadership.



Accusing KPCC President Dr. G. Parameshwara and CM Siddharamaiah of damaging the party with their recent actions, Vishwanath urged the party leadership to take the 2018 Assembly poll seriously and ensure that the party retains power. Vishwanath also hit out at Central Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, B.K. Hariprasad, Veerappa Moily and Oscar Fernandes for behaving as if they have no concern for Karnataka, thus damaging the prospects of the Congress here.

Congress leaders Shoukanth Ali Khan, Revanna, Narayan and Loknath Gowda were present during the press meet.

People are fed up with Congress Government's misrule: BJP leader

Mysuru, Mar. 26 (MTY&DM)- Accusing the Congress Government of rampant corruption and misrule, State BJP Backward Classes Morcha President B.J. Puttaswamy has said that most of the programmes that CM Siddharamaiah boasts of, have remained only on paper.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan yesterday, Puttaswamy said that the Congress Government had pushed the State to a debt trap by borrowing loans to the tune of Rs. 1,86,561 crore.

Lashing out at Siddharamaiah for doing little for AHINDA which he (CM) championed for coming to power, Puttaswamy alleged that the Congress Government had sanctioned only Rs. 57 crore for development of BC hostels, while the previous BJP Government had sanctioned Rs. 500 crore.

Stating that the BJP would use the Congress Government's all-round failure as a trump card in its (BJP) campaign, he expressed confidence that the BJP would win both the Nanjangud and Gundlupet assembly seats with a comfortable margin.

Engineering student displays honesty

Malavalli, Mar. 26 (US)- An honest engineering student has handed over a 20 gm gold bracelet worth Rs. 50,000, which she found lying in a KSRTC bus, to the supervisors at the bus stand here yesterday.

M.A. Meghana, a student of PES College of Engineering, Mandya, was said to have boarded a KSRTC bus to go to college and found the bracelet lying near the seat. She immediately got down from the bus and handed over the bracelet to KSRTC Supervisor Nagaraj and Shivappa.

Praising the honesty of Meghana, Nagaraj said that the bracelet would be handed over to the Depot Manager for further action.

Four from Bengaluru killed in road accident near Hunsur

Hunsur, Mar.26 (KK&DM)- Four persons from Bengaluru were killed on the spot, while four others sustained injuries, when the SUV they were travelling in toppled near Nellur Pala on Hunsur-Nagarahole road yesterday.

The deceased have been identified as Ranjan Salanke (35), M.S. Ghorpade (33), Kaushik Chavan (32) and Kishore Yadav (25), residents of different localities in Bengaluru.

Two of the seriously injured, who have been identified as Chandrashekar, 33 and Yeshwant Salanke, 38 have been admitted to Apollo BGS Hospital in Mysuru while two others who sustained minor injuries are being treated at a Hunsur Hospital.

A group of eight friends who left Bengaluru in a Ford car (KA-03/MJ 9962) yesterday morning, arrived at the farm house belonging to one of the deceased at Chowdikatte near Ratnapuri Colony in Hunsur taluk at 2 pm.

After inspecting a newly drilled borewell in the farm, the group of friends left the farm for Nagarahole, leaving the driver behind.

As the car headed towards Nagarahole on Hunsur-Nagarahole road, the car went out of control while negotiating a curve near Nellur Pala and toppled. As a result, four persons died and four others sustained injuries.

Hunsur Rural Police who have registered a case in this regard are investigating.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that one of the deceased, Ranjan Salanke's marriage was fixed for April 30. After distributing wedding cards to his relatives at Chowdikatte and inspecting the newly drilled borewell at his farm near Chowdikatte, Ranjan along with his 7 friends left in the car for Nagarahole, leaving behind the driver at the farm, saying that they would pick him up the next morning.

But fate willed otherwise, as the car met with the mishap, killing the groom Ranjan Salanke and his three friends and injuring four others.

Separate assault cases: Complaints registered against six persons

Mysuru, Mar. 26 (SPN&KS)- In two separate assault cases, complaints have been registered against six persons in Ashokapuram and Jayalakshmipuram Police Stations in this regard.

Ashokapuram Police Station: Complaint has been registered against three persons for assaulting a woman over a petty issue, which took place in Ashokapuram on Mar. 24.

The assaulted woman has been identified as the wife of one Mahadev, a resident of Ashokapuram 13th cross. Those who assaulted the woman have been identified as Ravi, his wife Manjula and Indra, residents of the same lane.

It is reported that on Mar. 24 morning, Ravi, his wife Manjula and Indra, who barged into the house of Manjula, picked up a quarrel with her, abused her using foul language and assaulted her. Mahadev, who tried to save his wife, was also assaulted by the trio who later fled from the scene.

A complaint was lodged later.

Jayalakshmipuram Police Station: Based on the order from a Court, a complaint has been lodged against three persons for assaulting a person in RIE College premises here.

The assaulted person has been identified as Shivanna, a member of RIE Housing Society and those who assaulted Shivanna have been identified as Ravichandra, Kashyap and Ashok members of the society.

It is reported that on Jan. 9, 2017, Shivanna was talking with Shashikumar, another member of the society when the three accused all of a sudden assaulted Shivanna, following which Shivanna moved the Court and lodged a complaint.

Dacoity, murder bid foiled

4 arrested; lethal weapons, cell phone, vehicle seized

Mysuru, Mar. 26 (KS)- The City Crime Branch (CCB) Police, during their special beat on Mar. 20 early morning, arrested four persons who were waiting in a car near GTTC in Metagalli Industrial area to commit dacoity and have seized two longs, two daggers, six mobile phones, chilly powder Rs. 16,200 cash and a Nissan Terrano vehicle from them.

The arrested have been identified as H.S. Nagalingaswamy, a native of Malavalli taluk and residing in Rajajinagar in Bengaluru, K.S. Raghavendra, a native of Tiptur taluk and residing at Rajajinagar in Bengaluru, Subramani, a native of K.R. Nagar and residing in Aralakgud taluk and Basavaraju, a resident of Chandagala village in Mandya district.

During interrogation, the Police came to know that Nagalingaswamy had given supari to Basavaraju, who is serving a jail sentence in Mysuru Central Prisons to eliminate one Naveen of Bengaluru. Following the information provided by Nagalingaswamy, the CCB Police have taken Basavaraju into their custody.

CCB Inspector Prasanna Kumar led SI M.J. Jayasheelan, ASI Shantharaju and staff Asgar Khan, Hiranaiah, D. Sreenivasa Prasad, Parvathamma, K.M. Mahadevappa, C.M. Manju, Gurudevaradhya, Shyamsundar, Shailesh and Dhananjay in the nabbing and seizing operation.

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Pretty Periwinkle

TREE FACTS

With shiny leaves and pretty flowers 'Periwinkle' is a unique plant, which blends ornamental values and medicinal properties. It has earned the name 'Sadabahar' in Hindi as the flowers are literally ever blooming. French referred to it as "Violet of the Sorcerers" as it could ward off evil spirits. In Kannada it is "Nithya pushpa", "Kashi kanigile." Other names are "Cape periwinkle" "Church flower"; "Madagascar periwinkle"; "Catharanthus" ; Konkani : "Sadapushp"; Malayalam: "Shavam Naari", "Banappuvu" ; Tamil : "Nitya Kalyani"; Telugu: Billaganneru). The botanical name is Catharanthus roseus (Syn. Vinca rosea) of Apocyanoceae. A native of Madagarcas, it is common throughout India.

It is an evergreen herb or an herbaceous under shrub, quite hardy, biennial or short lived perennial, up to 3 ft height. The stems are green, silky, and glossy with latex. Leaves are simple, oval, oblong or obovate and opposite in position. The flowers in cymose axillary clusters, are round and flat with an eye in the center. The star like corolla has 5 petals with varying colours (mainly rose & white). The canoe shaped fruits produced in pairs are called follicles.

There are many varieties / cultivars with carpet like or upright habits like rosea, rosea alba. Another species C. minor with several varieties is a trailing plant producing blue coloured flowers & one variety with variegated leaves. A variety of C. major with large coloured flowers grows best on hills. C. pusillus (tiny periwinkle) with quadrangular branches and small flowers is native to India.

MEDICINAL PROPERTIES

The plants find place in traditional old folk medicine. In Europe it was used as a remedy for diabetes for centuries; in Hawaii to make poultice to stop bleeding; in China as an astringent, diuretic and cough remedy and in Central and South America as a home remedy for cold to ease lung congestion and sore throats. In Caribbean the flower extract was used to treat eye irritations and infections. In India juice is used to treat wasp-stings.

Multifarious medical application of this plant makes it a unique herb and in recent years it has elicited pharmacological interest as the plant has a mother load of alkaloids: a few like catharanthine, leurosine, lochnerine, tetrahydroalstonine, vindoline and vindolinine are supposed to lower blood sugar and a few others lower blood pressure. The alkaloids vincristine and vinblastine posses anticancer properties. The roots are a source of valuable alkaloids (ajmalicine and serpentine) resembling those from Rauvolfia species besides reserpine. The flowers are reported to contain chromium, essential for sugar metabolism and useful in chromium supplementation in diabetics. Because of the demand, the Periwinkle is being increasingly brought under cultivation in India and has export potential.

USEFUL TIPS

- This beautiful and elegant plant requires less care, less water and flowers even in the hottest weather.
- It can be grown in any type of garden soil and useful for edging, ground cover, mass planting, rockery, border; for clothing steep banks and rocks.
- Keep the plant on the dry side, as roots will rot if irrigated frequently. Water lightly that too if required.
- For best results, fertilise during the growing season or fork in organic manure or vermicompost during planting itself.
- Leaf powder seems to posses pesticidal properties and effective in controlling root knot caused by nematodes in ladies finger plant.
- The plant has many side-effects and consult a physician before administrating.

GARDENING

The plants can be grown in any type of soil under full sun or semi shade areas requiring a long growing period. They can be propagated by seeds or cuttings. Seeds germinate in a week. Transplant 10-15 days seedlings. Though ordinary garden soil would suffice, use soil mixture-containing 1:1:1 (sand: red-soil: cowdung manure) for best results. For flowerbeds give a spacing of 12 to 18" depending on size and variety. Soft woodcuttings can also be planted directly into beds or pots. The plants are invasive and seed themselves into the landscape & many seedlings crop up around the plant after each season. One can simply transplant these seedlings to pots / flowerbeds.

Though pests are of no major concern root rot and Fusarium wilt can cause death due to water stagnation. The best remedy is to drain out water.

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Nanjangud Dodda Jathra from Mar. 31 to Apr. 11

ADC asks officials to ensure smooth conduct of event

Mysuru, Mar. 26 (US)- In the context of Sri Srikanteshwaraswamy Dodda Jathra Mahotsava to be held from Mar. 31 to April. 11 in Nanjangud, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) T. Venkatesh has asked the authorities concerned to make necessary preparations.

Presiding over a preliminary review meeting held on Thursday at Dasoha Bhavan in Nanjangud, Venkatesh pointed out that the polling for the Nanjangud by-election will be held on Apr.9 and officers and staff of Nanjangud would be deployed for poll duty.

He asked the officials to ensure that the Jathra Mahotsava go on without a hitch and if need be officers and staff from other taluks would be deployed for the Jathra provided the District Administration was requisitioned well in advance.

Continuing, Venkatesh said that permission for new donors to distribute *prasadam* to devotees during the Jathra should be given only after a thorough scrutiny as model code of conduct was in force in the context of the by-election.

He asked the Temple Executive Officers to install surveillance cameras at important places as the Jathra would attract a lot of people and campaigning was also on for the by-poll. He asked the officials to get the roads traversed during Rathotsava repaired, provide good lighting, maintain cleanliness around Temple and provide good potable water to devotees.

Venkatesh asked Irrigation authorities to increase the water flow in Kabini River to benefit the devotees and ensure that the water was not wasted. He asked the Fire Brigade to station two fire tenders and adequate personnel on Rathotsava Day.

Officials of Nanjangud taluk participated in the meeting.

LOOKING BACK...

Precious Things

Musings on my Ma's Memorabilia...

By D. Lalitha Rao

There are philosophical systems like Feng Shui that speak of harmony between people and natural forces. For example, one belief is that if a mirror in the house reflects gardens and trees outdoors, it brings positive energy into the house. While the scientific basis for such beliefs is disputed, it does no harm to believe. Similarly, old furniture and ornaments are often said to carry good luck for the family, if handed down from generations.

Although philosophy is a bit beyond me, I am a sentimental person and very attached to memorabilia from various stages of my life. I have for example a copy of the play *Macbeth* which was my text book in senior school, more than 40 years ago. It is one of my treasured possessions as it has all my childish scribbling on the side of the pages, my annotations from the past. I also have a treasure house of short stories, my favourite genre, given to me by my grandpa when I was just 14. Entitled *Thirty Stories to Remember,* I tick marked with a red pencil each story as I completed reading it. After all, if we did not have memory what would we do?

I have some cushion covers which were embroidered by my mother in 1956 when she was a young mother herself. Having framed them, they hang on the wall in my library. But what is surprising even for me, is that I have the original templates from which Ma made the embroideries. It so happened that I was trying to clear out some stuff from the sewing machine table at mom's place, and opening a bottom cabinet I found a tattered basket. I recognised that basket with great joy. It was the one ma had had for years and which I had thought lost forever. In it she kept her recipes and knitting and embroidery patterns, which she would carefully collect from *Woman And Home*.

Fortunately a whole load of stuff was there, to give me hours of browsing. Where did one have printers, copiers and the Internet in those days? You just had to cut out and store things you wanted to cherish and which might come in handy some day. Let me list out for you some of the cuttings and pull outs Ma kept. The magazine was published in England so naturally all the recipes and stuff were English in origin.

* A whole set of recipes from 1962, for meals to be eaten in front of the television.

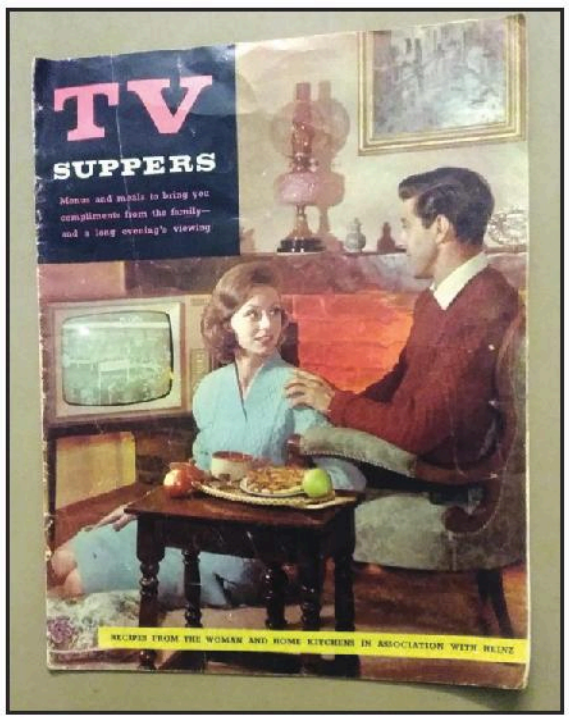
* A whole set of dresses for little girls to be made in honour of coronation week. The coronation was of Queen Elizabeth and the year 1953.

* Recipes for parties for teenagers of the late fifties, including hamburgers and sausages.

* Embroidery patterns in myriads of stitches, of little woodland scenes, bunny rabbits, children's stuffed toys to make, table cloths, dressing table sets. The best part is my mother actually made a lot of these lovely things. Sadly, her skills as a seamstress did not come down to her ham-handed daughter!

* Recipes written in Ma's own hand when she went for ladies club meetings. There are so many of these I'm torn between wanting to throw them away and pack them away again. Sigh.

* A tailoring pattern book from 1955 with the most trendy patterns for ladies, gentlemen and kids with those large loose salwars and bulky trousers. The kurtas look like frocks, with gathered waists and puffed sleeves, wonder if those will ever make a comeback!



* A number of stories about Nora and Tilly, twin cut out paper dolls who had an adventure every month and also came with designer frocks that little girls could play with. Nora and Tilly were my favourites when I was around 8-years-old, I followed their adventures avidly. How clever *Woman and Home* editors were — they ensured that their readership continued into the next generation, the reason I still keep those cuttings. One of these days I'm going to write to them and tell them I have cuttings from the magazine that are more than 50 years old. Hopefully they will acknowledge me as a loyal reader.

Then as I grew older I began reading the fiction that appeared regularly in the magazine. There was always a long story that continued for several weeks, and one or two short stories. They were all romances, gentle and warm and funny. There are a number of incomplete short stories in my collection of cuttings. Incomplete because on the other side is a set of recipes or a knitting pattern as usually happens in magazines, and to find out what happens in the story you have to turn to page 59 or 75, which I of course don't have. Look at this sample for instance — the heroine wants to apply for a job as a housekeeper-cum-cook and is being interviewed by the lady at the employment agency:

" No," I replied firmly. "I don't want to live with a family, it's just what I want to avoid. Do please accept me, Mrs. Anglesey, for what I am, and I assure you that is a hard worker, a competent cook and careful manager. I shall probably do better than you think."

Mrs. Anglesey smiled at me. "You are certainly stubborn. I've half a mind to send you to the Major and teach you a lesson."

"Who is the Major?" I asked. "What's wrong with him?"

"I don't know if there's anything wrong with him," she continued with the same grin, "except of course his broken leg, poor man. He just happens to be my most difficult customer. In fact, I'd given him up and I don't.

At this point the page ends and I'm left wondering what happened to our brave heroine. Did she take on a job at the Major's? Was it the budding of a romance? How will I ever know, from this fragment?

Such are the treasures in Ma's scrap bag. I shall probably get tired of the whole lot and throw it away some day. But not as yet.

In this house with tightly allocated spaces, there is no room for sentiment. I had to get rid of treasures due to lack of space, hardening my heart. But not completely. A small cupboard in which my late mother-in-law used to keep her school books when she was a little girl has come down to my husband and he used it as a child to keep his books. It now has pride of place in our drawing room along with an ancient séance table — that's right, his grandparents had a taste for the occult! I don't need to reach out to ghosts, but I like to hang on to what I have.

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World Theatre Day tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 26 (BNR)- As part of World Theatre Day celebrations, Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University has organised a programme at its premises tomorrow (Mar. 27).

Senior theatrist Dr. Na. Ratna will inaugurate the programme at 11 am. Theatrist Prof. H.S. Umesh will deliver a special lecture. Music University VC Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar will preside.

The occasion will feature staging of Dr. R. Purnima's play 'Exploitation and towards empowerment' at 10 am; Launch of theatrist Srikanta Gundappa's website 'Ranga Nidhi,' releasing of book 'Jote Kootu Maatu' at 11 am and followed by Rangageetegalu by theatre students.

Amateur Theatre Artists Association: The Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artists Association has also organised a programme at Maneyangala, Kalamandira, tomorrow (Mar. 27) at 6 pm, to mark the World Theatre Day celebrations.

Senior theatrist Dr. Rameshwari Verma will inaugurate the event. Theatrist K.R. Sumati will read out the World Theatre Day Message. Kannada and Culture Asst. Director H. Chennappa and theatrist Mime Ramesh will be present. B.R. Raghavendra and troupe will present Rangageetegalu on the occasion.

Discourse on Sri Rama Valmiki Samvada from Mar.30 to Apr. 4

Mysuru, Mar.26- Pujya Swami Dattapadanandaji will deliver a seven-day discourse (Kannada) on *Sri Rama Valmiki Samvada - Tulsi Ramayan* from Mar.30 to Apr. 4 at Sri Ramakshetra, Chinmaya Mission, 5th Cross, Sarvajanika Hostel Road, Vidyaranyapuram, from 6.30 pm to 8 pm. Sri Vishnusahasranama Parayana starts at 6 pm from Mar. 31.

Sri Ramanavami will be celebrated on Apr.5 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm at *Sri Ramakshetra.*

Swami Dattapadanandaji is the resident Acharya of Chinmaya Mission, Chokkahalli, Kolar. He has given several discourses in Mysuru during Ramanavami and Datta Jayanti. The Swamiji has a deep knowledge of the scriptures, himself being a very staunch devotee of Lord Dattatreya. Datta Jayanti is celebrated in Mysuru every year under his guidance.

Union Minister hits campaign trail in Nanjangud

Nanjangud, Mar. 26 (RS& DM)- Hitting the campaign trail in Nanjangud constituency for the crucial Apr. 9 by-poll, Union Minister of State for Drinking Water and Sanitation Ramesh Jigajinagi undertook a *padayatra* in several villages of the constituency today.

Speaking to press persons during the course of his campaign at Kattawadipura in the taluk, Ramesh Jigajinagi said that he was fortunate to be a Member of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Cabinet.

Pointing out that he was a five-time MP and a former MLA for four terms, the Minister said that he had opposed the Congress throughout his life as the Congress always treated Dalits only as vote bank and did nothing for their betterment.

Lashing out at the Congress for shedding crocodile tears towards Dalits, the Union Minister cautioned the community members not to fall prey to money and liquor inducements by the Congress.

Stating that V. Sreenivasa Prasad quit the Congress in order to maintain his self respect, Jigajinagi said that he had come to the doorsteps of the villagers seeking votes for Prasad.

He appealed the electorate to ensure victory of Prasad and thus open the doors for real development in the constituency.

Former Ministers A. Narayanaswamy and S.A. Ramdas, former MLC C. Ramesh, advocate Arun Kumar, District BJP President M. Shivanna and others were present.

BSY campaigns in Badanavalu ZP

Meanwhile, former CM and State BJP President, B.S. Yeddyurappa (BSY), undertook a brisk campaign at Devarasanahalli in Badanavalu Zilla Panchayat (ZP) this morning.

Appealing the voters to reject the Congress, Yeddyurappa said that he saw a wave of support for the BJP wherever he canvassed.

BJP candidate V. Sreenivasa Prasad, former Ministers Shobha Karandlaje and V. Somanna, former MUDA Chairman K.R. Mohan Kumar, leaders S. Mahadevaiah, K.K. Jayadev, Shivaram and others were present.

Forest Dept. to take over three Palace elephants

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In her request last month, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar had asked Deputy Conservator of Forests V. Karikalan to take back three elephants. The officer had suggested to Pramoda Devi to write to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) and accordingly, she sent a letter on Mar. 5.

She again wrote to the PCCF on Mar. 9 changing the name of one of the elephants mentioned in the earlier letter. She has stated that the Palace will take care of Chanchala, Preethi and Seetha and they will be utilised for the "elephant safari".

Following Pramoda Devi Wadiyar's request, the PCCF had directed the department veterinarian Dr. D.N. Nagaraj to certify the health of elephants. In his report submitted three days back, Dr. Nagaraj has stated that the elephants were healthy and could be taken over by the Forest Department and shifted to elephant camps.

It may be recalled here that some animal activists had appealed to the Forest Department to take possession of elephants at the Palace. As a number of tourists visit the Palace, the elephants were chained for safety and this had resulted in injuries on the legs of four elephants.

New subway, lifts, free Wi-Fi

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The facilities at Mysuru station include a 65-metre subway that connects all the platforms and two lifts with a carrying capacity of 20 persons at Platforms 2-3 and 4-5 and free Wi-Fi facility. In Bengaluru, the projects included 3 lifts and one escalator and free Wi-Fi facility. A new train between Bengaluru and Hasan was also flagged off.

The Wi-Fi services 'Rail-Wire' has been provided by 'RailTel' and Google. RailTel, the telecommunications wing of Indian Railways and Google. All those who visit the railway station, including students, can use the Wi-Fi for one hour and download up to one GB data free of cost. The subway has been done artistically and paintings that depict the art, culture, traditions, history and heritage of Mysuru city, adorn the walls. It was constructed at a cost of around Rs.7 crore.

NEW TRAIN FROM MYSURU

Speaking to reporters after the inauguration of facilities, Pratap Simha said that a new train will be introduced to Hubballi from Mysuru via Bengaluru to avoid the rush in Chamundi Express that leaves Mysuru at 6.45 am. "The new train will start half-an-hour early so that the pressure on Chamundi Express is eased," the MP said.

He said that the double-tracking work between Mysuru and Bengaluru will be completed by April end as the Tipu Armoury at Srirangapatna has been shifted.

BENGALURU-HASSAN TRAIN

The much-awaited train between Bengaluru and Hassan was flagged off from Platform 1 today at Yesvantpur Railway Station in Bengaluru. Train No. 22679/22680, Yesvantpur-Hassan-Yesvantpur Daily Superfast Intercity Express will begin regular operations from tomorrow. The train will travel via Shravanabelagola and will stop at Chikbanavar, Nelamangala, Kunigal, Yediyuru, B.G. Nagar, Shravanabelagola, and Channarayapatna in both directions.

The 110-kilometre railway line was sanctioned in 1996-97 when JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda was the Prime Minister at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,290 crore. The new railway line will enable passengers to proceed from Bengaluru to Mangaluru via Hassan instead of taking a detour via Mysuru. Earlier, a train traveller had to travel 447 kilometres from Bengaluru to Mangaluru via Mysuru. Now the distance will reduce to 340 kilometres via Hassan.

The new train will also connect religious places like Yediyuru Siddalingeshwara, Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Shravanabelagola, Kukke Subramanya and Dharmasthala. The train will leave Hassan at 6.30 am and will reach Yesvantpur at 9.15 am. It will leave Yesvantpur at 6.15 pm and reach Hassan at 9 pm. The train will have 14 coaches comprising of 4 Second Class Chair Car Coaches, 8 Deendayalu Coaches and 2 Second Class Luggage-cum-Brake-van /Disabled Coaches.

I withdraw my statement if it has hurt Geetha Mahadevaprasad: MP Pratap

Gundlupet, Mar.26 (SG&DM)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has stirred up a controversy saying that DR. Geetha Mahadevaprasad, wife of late Minister H.S. Mahadevaprasad was contesting the election only for the sake of power.

The MP, speaking to media this morning, said that his statement was unintentional and he would withdraw it if it had hurt Geetha Mahadevaprasad.

Campaigning for Gundlupet by-poll BJP candidate C.S. Niranjan Kumar at Bannitalapura in the taluk yesterday, Pratap Simha alleged that Geetha Mahadevaprasad dreamt of power soon after performing 'Haalu-Tuppa' ritual of her late husband. Maintaining that Geetha Mahadevaprasad had enjoyed all powers while her husband Mahadevaprasad was a Minister, Simha claimed that Dr. Geetha herself had said that she was contesting the election for the sake of retaining the red-light car.

He further said that casting a vote in favour of Dr. Geetha meant that there would be no development in Gundlupet and appealed the electorate to vote for BJP candidate Niranjan Kumar.

Soon as Simha's remarks raised eyebrows in political circles, the MP issued a clarification that he had not spoken lightly of Gundlupet Congress candidate Geetha Mahadevaprasad.

Speaking to a private TV channel, Simha said he had only quoted Geetha Mahadevaprasad's statement that she was seeking sympathy votes after having lost her Minister husband Mahadevaprasad. Her statement itself shows that she was after power. Instead of using the word 'For the sake of power', I have used the word 'Red light car' and the statement must not be misconstrued', Simha said.

Women's Day celebrations

Art exhibition on women achievers

Manjula Manasa, former Karnataka State Women's Commission Chairperson, who inaugurated a day-long painting expo of woman achievers at Suchitra Art Gallery in Kalamandira this morning, is seen taking a look at portraits on display at the expo.

Mysuru, Mar. 26 (MTY&DM)- A day-long painting expo of woman achievers, jointly organised by District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Kannada Sahitya Kala Koota, Mysuru, as part of Women's Day celebrations, began at Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira here this morning.

Speaking after inaugurating the expo, former Karnataka State Women's Commission Chairperson Manjula Manasa said that the painting expo is an honour to women achievers.

Noting that it is a matter of joy for women as Women's Day is being celebrated throughout March, just as Kannada Rajyotsava is celebrated throughout November, Manjula called for organising more such expos in order to educate the people about women achievers, who rose to become great leaders through sheer determination and dedication.

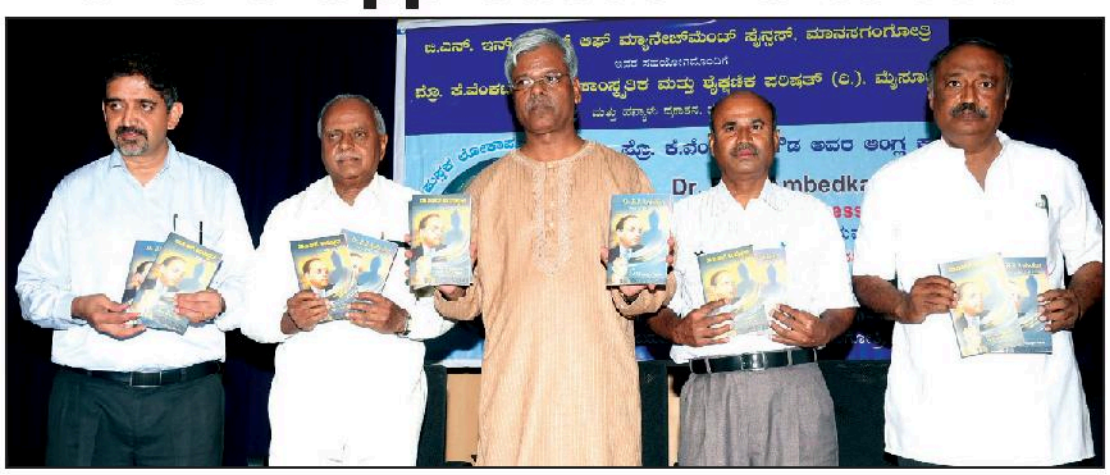
KSGH Music and Performing Arts University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Y.D. Rajanna, artist Dr. Jamuna Rani Mirle, social worker Dr. Sukanya, District Sharana Sahitya Parishat President M. Chandrasekhar, artist U.G. Mohan Kumar Aradhya, Jayappa Honnali, Rajashekhar Kadamba, Moogur Nanjundaswamy and others were present.

The day-long expo features pen drawing of over 50 woman achievers by U.G. Mohan Kumar Aradhya, a science teacher serving at a school in K.R. Nagar taluk.

Paintings of great women achievers such as Gangubai Hangal, Indira Gandhi, Astronauts Sunita Williams and Kalpana Chawla, singer S. Janaki, writer Vydehi, athlete Ashwini Nachappa, women warriors Onake Obavva, Akkamahadevi, Rani Chennamma, Rani Abbakkadevi etc., figure in the exhibition.

The expo is open to public up to 7 pm this evening.

Book 'Dr B.R. Ambedkar - Voice of the Oppressed' released



Mysuru, Mar.26 (US&SP)- K. Venkatagirigowda Samskruthika Parishat, B.N. Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences and Hanyalu Prakashana together had organised a function at Rani Bahadur auditorium in Manasagangothri here this morning for the release of the book 'Dr. B.R. Ambedkar-Voice of the oppressed', a collection of articles written by late Economist K. Venkatagirigowda in English and Kannada version.

Releasing the books, Littérateur Prof. Aravind Malagathi commended the books which were very informative.

Retired Vice-Chancellor B. Venkataramaiah, BN Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences Chairman Dr. S.J. Manjunath, Parishat Secretary N.C. Thammanagowda, H.S. Govinda Gowda of Hanyala Prakashana and others were present during the programme.

Suicide victim dies in hospital

Mysuru, Mar. 26 (RK&KS)- Syed Shamiulla (41), who had attempted suicide by consuming poison on Monday last following harassment by money lenders, breathed his last at K.R. Hospital in city this morning.

A case has been registered at Udayagiri Police Station in this regard. It is learnt that, Shamiulla, who was working in a Silk showroom in city had taken Rs. 2.8 lakh loan from the owner of the Silk showroom but had failed to repay it back, following which the owner of the Silk showroom used to come to Shamiulla's house and harass him for money besides allegedly threatening to kidnap his (Shamiulla) daughter whose marriage was scheduled in a month's time.

Following the harassment, Shamiulla had attempted suicide last Monday and had also written a death note in this regard.

Shamiulla, who was admitted to K.R. Hospital, breathed his last this morning after failing to respond to the treatment.

Cleanliness drive by BJP in Ward 6

MP Pratap Simha distributes scholarships, free LPG connections

Mysuru, Mar. 26 (US&SP)- BJP Yuva Morcha of K.R. Constituency had organised a cleanliness drive at Medarageri in Ward 6 this morning. After cleaning the area, saplings were planted to improve the greenery.

Participating in the programme, MP Pratap Simha distributed free LPG connections to 12 houses and scholarship to 8 deserving students, both funded by Ambedkar and Vajpayee Yojan. He also presented a tricycle to one Mahadev, a resident of the area who had lost his legs due to gangrene, from MP's fund. Former Minister S.A. Ramdas, Corporators M.V. Ramprasad, B.V. Manjunath, BJP leaders Gokul Govardhan, H.S. Jayashankar and others were present.

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Geetharnava: A Musical Extravaganza...

By Pooja Dev

Dr. R.S. Nandakumar, accompanied by Vidu. Veena Suresh on violin and Prof. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga, is seen presenting a Karnataka Classical Music concert on day-1 of 'Geetharnava'.

Dayananda Saraswathi once said, "Though music transcends language, culture and time, though notes are the same, Indian music is unique because it is evolved, sophisticated and melodies are defined." Thus, it is very clear that Indian music is the greatest asset that our ancestors have given us. And we, Indians are the ones, who can protect and nurture our very own art, which is into our blood. May be, it was this thought which provoked to bring 'Swarashraya Gana Sabha' into existence.

Swarashraya Gana Sabha, which aims to promote and propagate Indian Music - Vocal, was brought to life by the guidance and ardent support of **K. Sandesh Bhargav** — the pillar of Kala Sandesha Prathishtana with Harshini Purushotham as its Managing Trustee. Fostering the Indian culture, tradition, spirituality and to spread the fragrance of Indian Classical music are also included in the objectives of this organisation.

With a view to accomplish its purpose, this organisation had organised a two days' festival named 'Geetharnava' where the 1st day was exclusively devoted for the senior Classical vocalist and 2nd day for two young Indian Classical vocalists. The festival took place in cultural collaboration with Kala Sandesha Prathishtana on Mar. 11 and 12 at Ganabharathi (Veene Seshanna Bhavana), Mysuru.

This festival, led by Harshini Purushotham, who undoubtedly had shadowed her Guru K. Sandesh Bhargav in organising a festival, marked its triumphant victory. Harshini is a software engineer working at Chennai, and as a matter of fact, she is a Bharatanatyam Dancer, who has taken up a step towards development of Indian Classical Music.

Striving to protect it, and demonstrating that, it is not impossible to nurture the Indian art, though out of your vicinity, is no easy task. Yet, Harshini was successful in proving her capability in way of organising a festival at Mysuru, being put up at Chennai.

The Trustees Kalavathi, Mamatha, Chandrakala and G. Manu, and the host of passionate and zealous Executive Committee Members contributed to the success of the festival.

Day-1: Geetharnava-2017 was inaugurated by a distinguished industrialist and a commendable art patron, K.V. Murthy. *Sangeetha Kalotthunga* Dr. R.S. Nandakumar (Renowned Karnataka Classical music scholar) and Prof. G.S. Ramanujam (Famous Mridangist of the city) were the chief guests. Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao (Director, Noopura Cultural Trust, Mysuru) presided over the function.

The evening witnessed the Karnataka Classical Music concert by **Dr. R.S. Nandakumar,** who was inspired by the idea of doing something new within the periphery of the traditions.

Opening the concert with Varnana, composed by Patnam Subramanya Iyer, in one of the most exceptional Raagas — Devakriya, that too in Thrishra Jaathi was highly appreciated by the audience. Next, he took up the Keerthana in the composition of Mysuru Jagannath on Lord Ganesh, "Vethandasyam Tam Namami" in Naata Raga, which came out flawlessly in his voice. It was followed by "Devadi Deva" in Sunadavinodini Raga and "Bhajare Manasa" in Abheri Raga, the Keerthanas composed by K. Vasudevacharya, which were the treat to the listeners.

Subsequently, he took-up the 'Pallavi', the most difficult item, which challenges the proficiency of the scholar. He proved his expertise by implementing the 'Grahabedha' or 'Pitch Transpose' to the swaras of Mohana Raga, and transforming it to 5 ragas namely, Madhyamavathi, Hindhola, Atana, Bhoopaala and Neelambari, with the use of only two words, "Geetharnavodithe Mohanaangi." This Pallavi was composed on spot and was dedicated to the Geetharnava festival.

Dr. Nandakumar has a proclivity for embellishing each number with a surfeit of swaras in order to paint the varied shades of the raga. The dawdling delineation of the raga highlighted its features while the artistically crafted swara-kalpanas flowed with ease. This session also consisted of scintillating "Endendu Intha Chodya", a Mundige in the composition of Kanakadasa and Jayadeva's Ashtapadi, "Pravisha Radhe Madhava" in Peelu Raaga. The concert which ended with Dashavathara Mangalam in Suruti Raga was thoroughly enjoyed and cherished by the art lovers.

Dr. Nandakumar was ably supported by **Vidu. Veena Suresh** on violin and **Prof. G.S. Ramanujam** on mridanga.

Day-2: On the second day, Geetharnava-2017 offered a platform to two young artistes to find their individualism in the field of Indian Classical Music - Vocal.

The first concert was by **Vidu. Sumana Vedanth,** a Karnataka Classical Music scholar. Vidu. Sumana started her rendition with a Kruthi, "Mahaganapathi Ni Mahima", in Hamsadhvani raga. That was the perfect opening for her recital. She took up a Kruthi "Nasamani" in Nasamani raga in the composition of Muttuswami Deekshith, which was greatly admired by the audience. Subsequently, she chose the Kruthi, "Shrungara Shekara," composed by Mysuru Sadashiva Rao in Poorvikalyani Raga, which proved to be the paramount in her voice. "Hyange Daasanaadi," a Devaranama in Ahir Bhairavi raga, composed by Kanakadasa, and "Karedalu Magana," another Devaranama by Helavanakatte Giriyamma in Raga Yaman, brought out the best out of Sumana's voice.

She was accompanied by **Vidu. M.A. Jyothi** on violin and **Vid. Malola Simha** on mridanga.

The second and last concert of the day was by **Pt. Venkatesh Kulkarni,** a renowned Hindustani vocalist. He started his performance with a melodious evening Raga Yaman. The introductory 'Auchar' created the atmosphere of bliss and he started with Bada Khayal, with two Bandish, "Mera Mann Bandalino" set to Vilambit Ek-Tal and "Avagunana Kijiye" set to Drut Teen-Tal, that left the audience mesmerised.

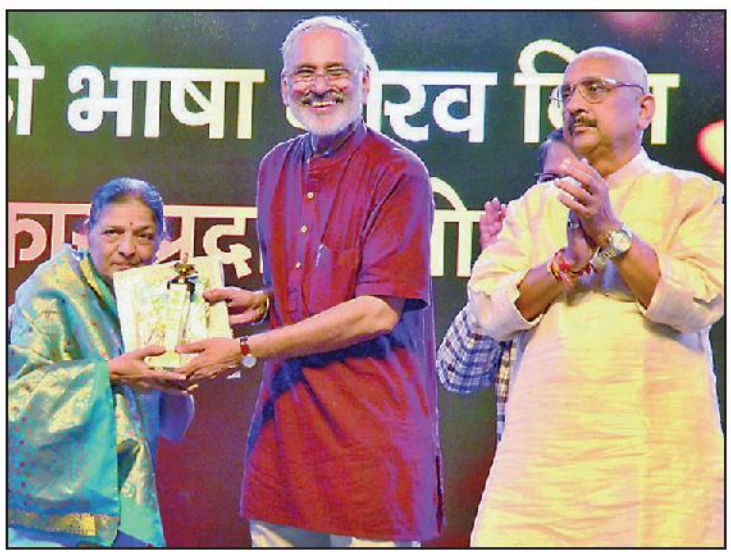
Later, he proceeded towards another Khayal in Raag Bhageshri with "Binati Suno Mori" set to Madhyalaya Jhactal and "Kaun Karat Tore" set to Teen Tal came out with great ease. The Devaranama, "Hyage Mechisali Ninna," a composition of Purandaradas in Thodi Raag, filled the viewers soulfully satiated. The recital concluded with a Devaranama composed by Helavanakatte Giriyamma, "Honnu Tha Gubbi" in Bhairavi Raag.

Therefore, it is very evident that "Geetharnava-2017," a festival organised by Swarashraya Gana Sabha was a great success, which initiated the step towards fortification of our very own Classical Music, which is losing its importance in the verge of modernisation. And yes, if the organisations like Kala Sandesha Prathishtana help these kind of Sabhas in accomplishment of their purpose, there is no doubt that Indian Art can spread its glorious tentacles throughout the globe.

City-based writer Dr. Manik Bengeri honoured in Mumbai

Mysuru, Mar. 26- The Maharashtra Raajya Saahitya - Samskruti Mandal, Mumbai, had organised a programme at Gateway of India recently to honour litterateurs and writers in Maharashtra as well as outside Maharashtra.

City-based writer Dr. Manik A.V. Bengeri, a music critic and an established multi-lingual writer, was among those honoured with an award and citation for her latest book titled '*Bhartruhari te Avvaiyyar-Saare Ekaaca tatvaace dhanee*'. The award comprised a cash prize of Rs.1,00,000.



Maharashtra Raajya Saahitya - Samskruti Mandal President Baba Bhand is seen honouring Dr. Manik Bengeri.

The 760-page book focuses on moral values which are needed for a healthy society in general and the younger generation in particular. It also focuses on taking the values from Sanskrit literature and all other languages. Sarvajna and Akkamahadevi of Karnataka are discussed at length and their Vachanas are quoted with meaning in Marathi. Similarly, Veman from Andhra and Tiruvalluvar as well as Avvaiyyar are also included for their age old values.

Another important factor of this book is that Kannada, Telugu and Tamil verses are put into Devanagari script so that it will be easy for people outside South India to enjoy the literary treasure.

Dr. Manik Bengeri has worked for almost 6 years on this project which has been declared as the 'Best Literature - Utkrushta Vaangamaya' by Maharashtra Government.

Meanwhile, the HRD Ministry has selected this book to be kept at Central Govt. Libraries all over India and has given a grant-in-aid of Rs.50,000 to the author.

Excels in singing

Medha

Mysuru, Mar. 26- Medha, a 6th Semester student of EEE Department of NIE Institute of Technology, Koorgalli, Mysuru, has bagged 3rd place in the Classical vocal competition at the 17th VTU Inter-Collegiate Competition organised by Sir MV IT, Bengaluru, at their premises recently.

VTU Inter-Collegiate Mysuru Zone Volleyball

PESCE - Mandya wins

Mysuru, Mar. 26- The men's volleyball team of PESCE, Mandya, hogged the limelight by winning the men's title in the VTU Inter-Collegiate Mysuru Zone Volleyball Tournament conducted by NIE, Mysuru, at the NIE Golden Jubilee Indoor Sports Complex yesterday.

In the finals, PESCE-Mndya beat SJCE-Mysuru 25-11, 25-13 to clinch the title.

In the semi-finals, PESCE beat MIT-Mysuru 25-16, 25-22 while SJCE beat NIE, Mysuru 25-16, 29-27.

MDFA 'A' Division Football

Narrow win for Jolly FC

Mysuru, Mar. 26- Jolly FC registered a narrow 2-1 win over Royal FC in the MDFA A Division football league 2016-17 for the Achutharao Memorial Trophy played at the University Grounds here yesterday.

Result — Jolly FC: 2 (Jatin 26, 69) bt **Royal FC:** 1 (Chethan 52).

Bag prizes in various sports

*The winning sports persons are seen with (sitting from left) **Pradyumna (Captain), Dr. H.N. Bhaskar (Physical Education Director), R. Vasudeva Murthy (President, Mahajana Education Society), P.S. Madhusudhana (PE Director) and Kranthiraj Vodeyar, Football Coach.***

Mysuru, Mar. 26 (KS)- The students of SBRR Mahajana College in city, who participated in various sports competitions and championships, have excelled in the same and have brought laurels to their college.

SBRR Mahajana College with 19 points in Inter-Zonal Men's Games Championship-2017 have bagged the second place in overall championship.

They have also bagged the winners and runners positions in the Mysore University Inter Collegiate Inter-Zone Men Games, winners in Shuttle Badminton, Ball Badminton and Football Tournaments, bagged third place in Lawn Tennis and runners-up in Softball Tournament.

Talented Golfer: Sonam Chugh

City's 28-year-old Sonam Chugh, a product of the JWGC, has done everyone proud with her achievements in playing the game of golf as well as being an official of repute. Sonam is the only professional golfer in the women's section from Mysuru. She has been consistent in the Professional Golf Tour in India and recently taking part in the sixth leg of the Hero Women's Professional Golf Tour 2017 at the Poona Club Golf Course here on Mar. 24, finished a creditable eighth with a aggregate score of 239 (82+80+77). She is our 'Star This Week.'

THIS Week

After six legs in the Hero Tour, Sonam has been placed 18th in the Order of Merit. Vani Kapoor won the tournament with a three-day aggregate score of 216 (70+72+74).

In the Tollygunge Club Golf Tournament in Kolkata during February 2017, Sonam secured the 13th place with a 3-day aggregate score of 236 (82+81+73).

Sonam has earlier represented India in the 22nd World Corporate Golf challenge at the Oitavos Dunes Golf Course in Cascais, Portugal, in 2016 and teamed up well with Shashidhar Reddy to win the top honours.

She has also published a book "Networking & Golf - A research paper to validate the question — 'Is Networking through golf' a myth or reality?" Sonam finished among the top two referees in the Grade 'A' level in the Referee exams held in 2015 and was sent to St. Andrews in Scotland in February 2015, where she completed her certification and became an International certified Rules official.

Sonam is a Post Graduate Diploma holder in Marketing Management & a Masters in Science in Communication. She is the daughter of V. Prakash and Neena Prakash of Mysuru.

KSCA Mysore Zone Inter-Collegiate Cricket

Kishan Bedare shines for St. Joseph's FGC

Mysuru, Mar. 26- A unbeaten knock of 166 (20x4s, 5x6s) by opener **Kishan S. Bedare** enabled St. Joseph's FGC to register a big 169-run win over Sarada Vilas College, Mysuru and enter the second round in the KSCA Mysuru Zone Inter-Collegiate Cricket Tournament 2016-17 played at Gangothri Grounds here yesterday.

SCORES

St. Joseph's FGC: 288 for six in 29 overs (Kishan S. Bedare 166 n.o., Ranjith Krishna 57) bt **Sarada Vilas College:** 119 for nine in 29 overs (B. Mohith four for 23).

PES FGC, Mandya: 322 for six in 28 overs (Mustafa 108, A.N. Darshan 40, N. Zahed 41 n.o., B.P. Manoj 30, S.B. Sagar 26 n.o.) bt **Seshadripuram College:** 73 in 16.5 overs (Mustafa three for 19, B.N.Kiran Kumar three for 11).

MES College: 152 in 27 overs (Md. Shiraz 32, S.S. Sumanth three for 28, Pramodanna three for 38) lost to **Kautilya FGC:** 154 for seven in 20 overs (S.S. Sumanth 42, Ravi 39, N.V. Varun 34, Rizwanullah three for 36, Basheer Ahmed three for four).

KSCA Annual Awards

City's Nikin, Suchith, Naveen bag honours

Bengaluru, Mar. 26- Mysuru Zone upcoming cricketers S.J. Nikin Jose, J. Suchith and Naveen bagged awards for their performance during the year at the KSCA Annual Awards function held at KSCA last evening.

Nikin was awarded the 'Best Bastman' award in the U-19 men's one-day tournament for Vinoo Mankad Trophy and also won the award as the 'Best Batsman' in the U-19 Four-day Tournament for Cooch-Behar Trophy.

J. Suchith won the 'Best Bowler' award in the U-23 section for Col. C.K. Nayudu Trophy Tournament. Naveen of N.R. Sports Group, Mysuru, won the 'Best Bowler' award for his performance in the KSCA Group-II, III division league.

RBNCC, Mysuru, was awarded the Runner-up Trophy for the KSCA Special Tournament for Zonal Champions and top six teams of Group I, II Division Clubs. N.R. Sports Group, Mysuru, were awarded the Group II, III Division Winners Trophy.

SPORTS EVENTS

FOOTBALL

MDFA 'A' Division Football League 2016-17

27.3.17	S.W. Railways (S) FC Vs Mysore Muslim FC
28.3.17	Ashoka FC Vs Soniya FC
30.3.17	Rovers FC Vs Royal FC
31.3.17	Chanakya Koota FC Vs Durgamba FC
1.4.17	Jolly XI Vs S.W.Railways (S) FC
2.4.17	Pope FC Vs Ashoka FC

CRICKET

KSCA Mysore Zone Inter-Collegiate Cricket Tournament 2016-17

24.3.17 to 31.3.17 at Gangothri, SJCE Grounds

SPORTS QUIZ

1. **What does the term I.C.C. stand for?**
2. **In which sport is the term 'In-off' associated with?**
3. **The 'Aga Khan Cup 'is associated with which sport ?**
4. **Who is the first Indian left-arm chinaman bowler to make his debut for India at Dharmashala in the fourth Test against Australia?**
5. **Who is the women's tennis player who beat Elena Vesnina in the second round of the women's singles event in the Miami Open tennis tournament?**

1. International Cricket Council 2. Billiards 3. Hockey 4. Kuldeep Yadav 5. Ajla Tomljanovic

Bi-Weekly Tatkal Express Special between Hubballi- Chennai Egmore

Mysuru, Mar.26- South Western Railway (SWR) will run Bi-weekly Tatkal Express Special train between Hubballi and Chennai Egmore via Guntakal to clear extra rush of passengers during summer.

Train No. 07324 Hubballi-Chennai Egmore departs from Hubballi at 20.20 hrs on all Mondays and Wednesdays from Apr.3 to June 28 and arrives at Chennai Egmore at 11.15 hrs on all Tuesdays and Thursdays. The train arrives/departures Gadag at (21.40/21.42), Koppal(22.40/22.42), Hosapete (23.25/23.30), Toranagallu (00.08/00.10), Ballari (00.50/00.55), Guntakal (01.50/01.55), Gooty (02.35/02.45), Tadipatri (03.20/03.22), Muddannuru (04.12/04.14), Yerraguntala (04.28/04.30), Cuddapah (05.20/05.22), Nandalur (06.00/60.02), Rajampet (06.20/20.22), Koduru (06.45/06.47), Renigunta (08.10/08.25), Arakkonam (09.28/09.30) and Perambur (10.18/10.20).

Train No. 07323 Chennai Egmore - Hubballi departs from Chennai Egmore at 13.00 hrs on all Tuesdays and Thursdays from Apr.4 to June 29 and arrives at Hubballi at 04.30 hrs on all wednesdays and Fridays. The train arrives/departs Arakkonam at (14.55/15.00), Renigunta (16.20/16.30), Koduru (17.15/17.17), Rajampet (17.50/17.52), Nandalur (18.10/18.12), Cuddapah (18.54/18.56), Yerraguntala (19.30/19.32), Muddannuru (19.45/19.47), Tadipatri (20.35/20.37), Gooty (21.18/21.20), Guntakal (22.15/22.20), Ballari (23.40/23.45), Toranagallu(00.18/00.20), Hosapete(01.00/01.05), Koppal(01.35/01.37) and Gadag(03.00/03.02), according to a press release from the Railways.

Weekly Tatkal Express Special Train between Yesvantpur and Ernakulam

Mysuru, Mar.26- SWR will run weekly Tatkal Express Special train between Yesvantpur and Ernakulam to clear extra rush of passengers during summer. Train No. 065547 Yesvantpur-Ernakulam departs from Yesvantpur at 22.45 hrs on all Tuesdays from Apr.4 to June 13 and arrives at Ernakulam at 10.30 hrs on all Wednesdays. The train arrives/departs Krishnarajapuram (23.21/23.23), at Bangarpet (00.13/00.15), Salem (02.55/03.00), Erode (03.50/03.55), Tiruppur(04.38/04.40), Coimbatore (05.30/05.35), Palghat(06.50/60.55), Ottapalam(07.23/07.25), Thrisur (08.15/08.20), Aluva(09.33/09.35) and Ernakulam Town(09.53/09.55).

Train No. 065548 Ernakulam - Yesvantpur departs from Ernakulam at 22.00 hrs on all Wednesdays from Apr.5 to June 14 and arrives at Yesvantpur at 11.50 hrs on all Thursdays. The train arrives/departs Aluva at (22.23/22.25), Thrisur (23.15/23.20), Ottapalam (00.08/00.10)Palghat(00.55/01.00), Coimbatore(02.20/02.25), Tiruppur(03.13/03.15), Erode(04.05/04.10), Salem(05.10/05.15), Bangarpet (08.53/08.55) and Krishnarajapuram (09.53/09.55), according to a press release from the Railways.

Cancellation and diversion of trains

Mysuru, Mar.26-In connection with the Pre-Non-Interlocking work as part of yard remodeling at Tiruvottiyur (stage I) and Ennore yard and in connection with 3rd and 4th line between Korukkupet and Attippattu for 11 days from Mar.17 to 27 on Chennai division of Southern Railway, the following trains are partially cancelled or diverted:

Cancelled: Train No.56514 Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna (Bengaluru)- Karaikal Passenger commencing journey on Mar. 27 is cancelled between Vridhachalam and Karaikal.

Train No.56513 Karaikal - Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna (Bengaluru) Passenger commencing journey on Mar.28 is cancelled between Karaikal and Mukhasa Parur.

Diversion: Train No. 16526 Krantivira Sangollirayanna (Bengaluru) - Kanyakumari Daily Express commencing journey on Mar.27 is diverted via Alappuzha.

Intl. Symposium on Cloud Computing and Data Analytics held

Seen in the picture are (standing from left) ***Girish, Head of the Master of Computer Applications, Dr. Raghavendra Rao, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, S. Lokesh, Treasurer of ISCCDA 17, Dr. K. Raghuveer, Head of Information Science and Engineering, Dr. Rajkumar Buyya, Director of the CLOUDS Laboratory, University of Melbourne, Dr. B.G Sangameshwara, Vice Chancellor of JSS S&T University, Dr. Anirban Basu, President of Computer Society of India, Dr. H.D. Phaneendra, Chairman of the Organising Committee, Rampur Srinath, Convener of ISCCDA 17, Dr. Vidyaraj, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering and Dr. Yuvaraju, Secretary of ISCCDA-17.***

Mysuru, Mar. 26 (KS)- The two-day International Symposium on 'Cloud Computing and Data Analytics,' organised by the Computer Science Division of National Institute of Engineering (NIE) in association with Computer Society of India (CSI) Bengaluru and Mysuru Chapters was inaugurated at its premises by Dr. Anirban Basu, President of CSI recently.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Basu highlighted that Cloud Computing is an extremely important and emerging field because of it cost effectiveness, performance and high availability.

He said that the Indian Government was encouraging the application of Cloud Computing in day-to-day life and projecting the Cyber Physical Systems. He stressed that the ideas that come out of this gathering must become a reality.

Dr. B.G. Sangameshwara, Vice-Chancellor of JSS S&T University, who spoke as the guest of honour, said that typical problems faced by educational institutions include insufficient infrastructure, lack of teachers and small classrooms etc., which can be solved by application of Cloud Computing and it will play a prominent role in classrooms of tomorrow.

Dr. Rajkumar Buyya, Director of CLOUDS Laboratory, University of Melbourne, Australia, who delivered the keynote address, said that Cloud Computing is the next revolution in IT and added that domestic market was growing at a faster pace and provides enormous opportunities to software professionals.

Stating that Cloud Computing should become the utility, he said that enormous amount of data is being generated and the world was totally data driven. It is advantageous to move from classical computing to Cloud Computing, he added.

The proceedings of the symposium and Computer Science Department newsletter were released on the occasion.

Rajasthani women perform *Sheetala Puja* at Bisilumaramma Temple

Mysuru, Mar. 26 (KS) - Women folk from Rajasthani community performed *Sheetala Puja* at Bisilumaramma Temple in Janatha Nagar here recently.

This is a special puja performed by Rajasthani community ladies, to please the Goddess. Basoda Puja is dedicated to Goddess Sheetala and is performed on Krishna Paksha Ashtami after Holi.

Basoda, also known as Sheetala Ashtami usually falls after eight days of Holi, but many people observe it on the first Monday or Thursday after Holi. Sheetala Ashtami is more popular in North Indian States like Gujarat, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

According to Basoda customs, families do not light fire for cooking but cook food one day before and consume stale food on Sheetala Ashtami day. It is believed that Goddess Sheetala controls smallpox, chickenpox, measles, etc. and people worship her to ward off those diseases.

This puja was performed specially by singing devotional songs and by performing *Panchamrutam abhishekha.*

Sewing machine operator training

Mysuru, Mar.26- Sthree Deepa Women's and Child Development Organisation, in association with the Department of Handloom and Textiles, will be conducting a 45-day training course in sewing machine operation, for which it has invited applications from eligible candidates.

The candidates must be in the age group of 18 to 35 years (40 years in case of SC/ST candidates) and must have a minimum educational qualification of a pass in fifth standard.

Those interested may contact Sthree Deepa at No.50, 7th Cross, Shivaji Road, N.R. Mohalla or call Ph: 0821-4242408 or Mob:78168-36377.

4 persons including a minor arrested for youth's murder

Mysuru, Mar. 26 (SPN&KS)- Udayagiri Police have arrested four persons including a minor on charges of murdering a youth using glass piece on Mar. 19.

The murdered youth has been identified as Shunesh Kumar (30), a resident of Raghavendranagar 10th Cross in city. Those arrested have been identified as 24-year-old Rakesh, 27-year-old Gururaj, 22-year-old Shivu and the minor boy. All the four were picked up from a relatives house in Kattemalalawadi in Hunsur.

The case: It is reported that Shunesh Kumar used to come home drunk every night and used to pick up quarrel. Rakesh, who was fed up with this, had even questioned Shunesh many times but in vain as the same thing repeated every night.

On Mar. 19 night, Shunesh, as usual came home drunk and picked up a quarrel. The four youths, who managed to pacify Shunesh, brought him (Shunesh) to a deserted place near Jyothinagar Convent in Raghavendranagar and stabbed him on his stomach using the glass of a TV screen and had fled from the spot. Udayagiri Inspector P.P. Santosh, who had registered a case, took up the investigation and arrested the four.

Mother along with daughters go missing from city

Prathima

Manyatha

Manvitha

Mysuru, Mar. 26 (KS)- Mother, along with her two daughters have been reported missing from Vijayanagar Police Station limits in city.

The missing mother and daughters have been identified as 36-year-old Prathima, three-and-a-half-year-old Manyatha and two-year-old Manvitha.

According to a press release, Prathima had quarrelled with her husband R. Surendrakumar over the issue of going to a temple on Mar. 18 and the next day at about 6.30 am, she left her house along with her two daughters without informing anyone.

Prathima is 5.5 ft. tall, round faced, well built, oily-red complexioned, speaks Kannada and was wearing a purple colour chudidhar at the time of going missing.

Manyatha is 3.6 ft. tall, oval faced, oily-red complexioned and was wearing a white T-shirt and a black pant, while Manvitha is 2 ft. tall, round faced, dark complexioned and was wearing a blue T-shirt and pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing persons may contact Vijayanagar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418117, 2418317, 2418517 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339/ 340.

Posing as customers, 4 women lift 17 sarees worth Rs. 1 lakh

Bharathinagar (Mandya), Mar. 26 (US)- On the pretext of buying sarees posing as customers, four women reportedly lifted 17 silk sarees worth about Rs. 1 lakh from a silk showroom on Maddur-Malavalli Road here on Friday.

The crime is said to have been captured on the CCTV cameras installed in the shop.

The four women were reportedly speaking Tamil and had come in a car. They managed to divert the attention of the sales personnel and allegedly stole the sarees hiding them in their dresses. Shop owner Ravindra has lodged a complaint with K.M. Doddi Police.

Unidentified body found

Bylakuppe, Mar. 26 (Rajesh& KS)- A body of an unidentified person aged between 45 and 50 years has been found by the Forest Department personnel in the fringes of Gulledalla Forest on B.M. Road in Bylakuppe in Periyapatna taluk yesterday morning.

Though it is doubted that the deceased may have been hit by an unidentified vehicle, the exact reason for his death is yet to be ascertained.

Following information from the Forest Department personnel, Bylakuppe Police, who have registered a case in this regard, shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary in Mysuru for post-mortem.

The deceased is oily-red complexioned and was wearing a blue coloured jeans pant and a faded half arm shirt when found.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Bylakuppe Police Station on Ph: 08223-254433 or Mob: 94808-05059.

Newly-wed dies under mysterious circumstances

Husband's family accused of dowry harassment

Mysuru, Mar. 26 (SBD&KS)- The parents of a newly-wedded girl has accused the family of the girl's husband of dowry harassment following the death of the girl who was found hanging under mysterious circumstances on Saturday afternoon.

The deceased girl has been identified as Megha (21), wife of Somu alias Harish, a resident of Harohalli village in the taluk.

It is reported that Megha and Harish, who were in love, got married about nine months ago. It is learnt that, soon after the marriage, Megha was being harassed to bring dowry from her parent's house.

Megha's parents, alleging that Mega has been beaten to death, have lodged a complaint at Jayapura Police Station.

Jayapura Police, who have registered a case in this regard are investigating.

Obituary

Apadanda Machavva

Mysuru, Mar. 26- Apadanda Machavva (Mandepanda), a Lakshmikanthanagar, Hebbal 1st Stage, in city, passed away yesterday. She was 84.

A native of Hechinadu village in Kodagu, she leaves behind two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Unreconstructed

Pronunciation: un-ree-kun-STRUK-tud
Meaning: Not reconciled to political, economic, or social change; also: holding stubbornly to a particular belief, view, place, or style.
Origin: The reorganization and reestablishment of the seceded states in the Union after the American Civil War is referred to as the Reconstruction. The earliest known use of unreconstructed is by a writer for the Boston, Massachusetts, publication The Liberator, who in 1865 used it to describe Southerners who were not reconciled to the outcome of the War and the changes enacted during the Reconstruction. The word immediately caught on and has been used to refer to intransigent or dyed-in-the-wool partisans ever since. The word is also used outside of political and social contexts, as when a person is described as "an unreconstructed rocker" or "an unreconstructed romantic."

THE ODD WORD

Gauche

Lacking social grace, sensitivity, or acuteness;

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Happy hour

Meaning: Cocktail hour at a bar; intoxicated

Example: The restaurant has announced happy hour services to its customers on the occasion of New Year.
Origin: People were using the word happy to mean "intoxicated" as early as the mid-1600s, alluding to the merrymaking effect of alcohol. But the phrase happy hour didn't catch on until the early 1900s. This expression originally referred to a time on board a ship allotted for recreation and entertainment for a ship's crew. Nowadays the expression refers to cocktail hour at a bar, when drinks are served at reduced prices. This definition caught on around the era depicted in the well-lubricated offices of TV's Mad Men.

QUOTE BOX

Not life, but good life, is to be chiefly valued.

—Socrates

RIDDLE THIS

What does this rebus puzzle say?
MEREPEAT

Answer: Repeat after me.

SUDOKU

		6					5	
				8				1
2	9		3				7	8
7			5					
	3		2		4		6	
					7			3
6	7				5		3	9
9				7				
	4					5		

Answer to previous puzzle

4	2	5	7	6	9	3	1	8
9	1	3	2	8	5	6	7	4
7	6	8	4	1	3	5	2	9
3	7	4	1	9	6	2	8	5
6	8	1	3	5	2	9	4	7
2	5	9	8	4	7	1	3	6
1	4	6	9	2	8	7	5	3
8	9	7	5	3	1	4	6	2
5	3	2	6	7	4	8	9	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 My __ are sealed : I won't utter a word?
5 Middle-East country, capital Baghdad
9 Influenza, colloquially speaking
12 UP town
13 The old form of 'you'
14 Indian Administrative Service, in short
15 Mister in German
16 Objects, things, substance
18 ___ and ___ a person (same word) : so-and-so?
20 Pertaining to the bone in the forearm
21 Slow South American ballroom dance
23 Keep ___ on : keep under observation and control?
25 A French king
26 Snow runners
28 ___ controversies : surrounded by controversies, in a way?
32 Actual Navigation Performance
33 Air Transport Indicator
34 Grow old
35 Confusion or medley
37 ___ money : is it paid to keep one quiet?
39 Sew the edge of a clothing
40 They come six to a dozen!
42 Muse of poetry
44 All __ ___ : utterly bewildered? (2,3)
47 Greenish blue
48 Human man-eater
51 French playground - "carp" anagram?
54 Income Tax Officer, in short?
55 Vanuatu port
56 The same, in Latin
57 Condensed moisture
58 English painter, noted for his nudes
59 Platter

FRIDAY'S ANSWER:

W	A	R	P			P	S	S	T		O	V	A
I	L	I	A			R	U	E	R		V	A	N
L	I	F	T			E	N	T	I	R	E	T	Y
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				H	E	N		E	K	N	A	T	H
R	U	L	E	R		B	E	Y		C	U	E	
A	M	E	S			O	U	R		E	T	N	A
I	B	M		K	O	S		N	A	S	A	L	
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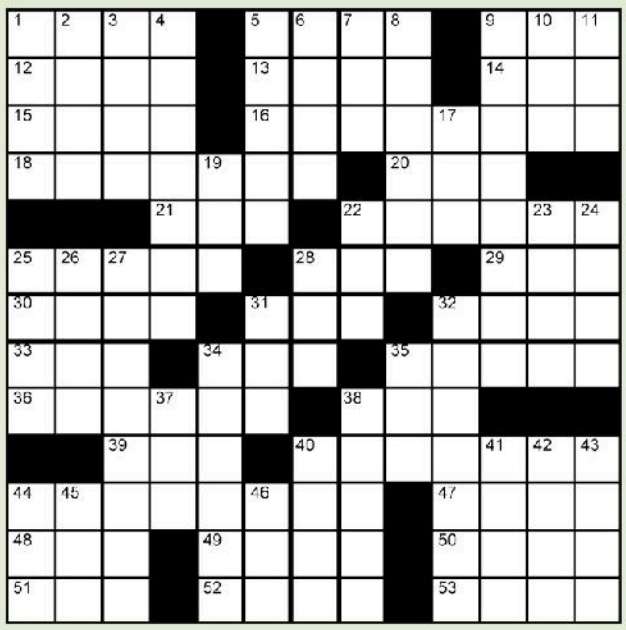
A	I	D		A	C	N	E		R	I	T	A	
W	O	E		S	A	G	S		N	E	S	T	

DOWN

1 J&K district
2 Suffix denoting native or inhabitant
3 Root vegetables
4 Gesture of indifference
5 An urgent desire to scratch?
6 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
7 Activity on Node, abbr.
8 Delhi's ___ Minar
9 Man from Finland
10 India's melody queen
11 Now CIS
17 Joy Adamson's pet lioness
19 A curly variety of lettuce
21 Street-car
22 Top-notch (1-3)
23 Roman emperor from 79 to 81 A.D.
24 Unchanged (2,2)
27 ___ Naa Pyaar Hai : Hrithik Roshan's debut film?
29 Major south Indian river?
30 _ __ it : I follow this? (1,3)
31 Display or practice model (abbrev.)
36 A type of light machine gun
38 Cry of the yachtsman!
41 Give up intentionally
43 Quick, speedy or swift
44 Hydrochloric or acetic?
45 London gallery
46 Fall in the winter
47 Cassius ___ : Mohammad Ali the boxer?
49 Built-in Test
50 Space bar neighbour on the PC keyboard
52 Legal thing
53 Central Maintenance Comp.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

N XNHQ QXQAMKDSL KYQR XQK OQ LMR

PDHQL DV QAQSR XQAQX.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS L.

Friday's Cryptoquip: It is the sign of a real man that he can pass the breaking point and not break.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Raajakumara	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Hebbuli	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Chowka	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Sri Maruthi	94489-06100	4 Shows
Kirik Party	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Bengaluru Underworld	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Bhooton Ka Honeymoon	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Stepney 2 Returns	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Haunted Resort	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Katamarayudu	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Kadugu	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Baasha	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

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Raajakumara (K)	(S-1)	1.25 pm
	(S-2)	4.25 pm
	(S-4)	10.40 am, 1.30 pm, 4.15 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Katamarayudu (Te)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 4.15 pm 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Beauty & the Beast (E-3D)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Phillauri (H)	(S-2)	11.00 am, 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Life (E)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 4.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Take Off (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

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Raajakumara (K)	(S-1)	3.00 pm, 6.00 pm, 9.00 pm
	(S-2)	9.55 am, 12.55 pm, 3.55 pm 6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Katamarayudu (Te)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 3.50 pm, 9.40 pm
	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Life (E)	(S-1)	10.00 am
	(S-4)	4.45 pm
Phillauri (H)	(S-3)	1.00 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.55 am, 9.50 pm
Take Off (Ma)	(S-4)	7.00 pm
Badrinath Ki Dulhania (H)	(S-1)	12.10 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

AIR ON MONDAY

6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.35 Sannutigeete, 6.45 Bhavageete, 7.15 Sponsored Prog., 7.45 Film Songs, 8.35 Navilugari, 10.00 Vocal Recital, 10.30 Hindi Film Songs, 11.00 Kamanabillu, 11.30 Keli Kali, 12.00 noon Chukki Chinna, 12.30 Mahila Ranga, 1.00 Devotional Songs, 1.30 pm Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.35 Chinnara Chukki, 3.00 Vividha Bharati Programme, 4.00 Yakshagana, 5.00 Gaana, 6.15 Folk Songs, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Yuvavani, 9.16 Rangageete, 10.30 Hindi Film Songs.

EVENTS TODAY (MAR.26)

Nrityagiri Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru: 'Nrityagiri Nrityavimshati - Nrityalokadalli Ondu Payana' youth dance festival, Bharatanatyam recital by various Dance Schools, **up to 8.30 pm.**

Himalaya Foundation, Jayanagar: Presentation of 'Yogabhushana Award' in recognition of their excellence in the field of Yoga — Shivaprakash Guruji, B.V. Shantakumar, A. Lakshmamma, Brahmarambha Maheshwari, Dr. T. Shivananjappa, N. Pashupati, Kusuma Mahadevaswamy and P.R. Venkatesh; Dr. K. Leelaprakash, Senior Sanskrit Scholar, inaugurates, Yashaswi Somashekar, BJP leader and Industrialist, presides, Rotary auditorium, JLB Road, **5 pm.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita' by Pt. Sri Badarayanacharya, Samiti premises, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Parampare: Vaachana - Vyakhyana of Valmiki Ramayana, Ranga Geetegalu of different Ramayanas of yesteryears by Y.M. Puttannaiah and troupe, **5 pm;** Seetharamadi Niryanagalu - Lecture by Dr. Mahabaleswar S. Bhat, an Associate Professor from Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (Yoga University), Bengaluru, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana (Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha), JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**

Nandana Performing Arts Centre Trust, Mysuru: Rangapravesha of S.D. Sneha (daughter of Devamma and Doddasiddaiah), Noopura Kalavidaru Trust Director K. Ramamurthy Rao inaugurates, Musician and Art Critic Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan chief guest, Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar presides, Guruvandana to Dr. Vasundhara Doreswamy (Director, VPAC Trust) and Vidu. Krishnaveni (disciple of Dr. Venkatalakshmamma) and Vidu. Varija Nalige (Director, Nandana Performing Arts Centre Trust, Mysuru), Jaganmohan Palace, **5.30 pm.**

Natana Kala Mela (NaKaMe) Samskrutika Vedike, Narayanamrutha Foundation and Hiriya Nagarika Seva Samithi: Lecture Series-45, 'Ashraya', Narayanamrutha Foundation, Hebbal 2nd Stage, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Nityasthanandaji speaks on 'The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Natana Rangashale, Dr. Gubbi Veeranna Trust and Department of Kannada and Culture: 'Dr. Gubbi Veeranna Natakotsava' as part of Dr. Gubbi Veeranna's 125th birth anniversary and World Theatre Day celebrations, Bengaluru's Kala Gangothri Theatre Group will stage the play 'Prahalada Vijaya' directed by B.V. Rajaram, Theatre Patron H.S. Govindagowda, Corporator M.K. Shankar and B.V. Rajaram guests, Natana premises, Ramakrishnagar, **6 pm.**

Jain International Trade Organisation (JITO), Mysore Chapter: Installation and oath taking ceremony of the new team and 'Charan Sparsh,' a talk by Rahul Kapoor, an Inspirational Speaker and Author, who is also the official host for Royal Challengers Bangalore for season 3, 4 and 5, Tejraj Gulecha, Immediate Past Chairman, JITO Apex, chief guest, Prakash Singhvi, Vice-Chairman, JITO Apex, Rajendra Gandhi, Chairman, KKG Zone, Gauttam Kumar Jain, Director, JITO Apex and Mysore In-charge and Ashok Salecha, Chief Secretary, KKG Zone, guests of honour, Platinum Jubilee Auditorium, J.K. Grounds, **6 pm.**

Veerashaiva Basava Balaga, R.S. Naidu Nagar: Inauguration, Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji & Sri Chidananda Swamiji will grace the occasion, Minister Tanveer Sait inaugurates, MP Pratap Simha unveils Basavanna's portrait, Balaga President S. Mahadevaprasad presides, near Nagalingeshwara Temple, R.S. Naidu Nagar, **6 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of play 'Bekku-Baavi,' Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Kalabhairaveshwara Temple: Kalabhairaveshwara Rathotsava, Adichunchanagiri Shakha Mutt Seer Somnatha Swamiji graces the occasion, Temple premises, 8th cross, 2nd main road, Ashokapuram, **7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR.27)

Seshadripuram Degree College and Seshadripuram Group of Institutions - PG Department, Bengaluru: Workshop on Career Guidance - 'Climax,' M.R. Srividya, Soft Skill Trainer, Bengaluru, delivers a talk on 'End of Graduation Life & A New Beginning of Future,' Directors Dr. Vatsala Gururaj (Seshadripuram First Grade College, Bengaluru), Dr. M.R. Bhavani (Seshadripuram Institute of Management Studies) and Dr. V.R. Bhargavi (Seshadripuram Degree College, Bengaluru) special invitees, College Seminar Hall, Hebbal Outer Ring Road, **9.30 am.**

JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram: UGC-Sponsored 2-day State-level Workshop on 'Redesigning and Development of Curricula Under CBCS and CAGP,' Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, UoM DoS in Computer Science Chairman Dr. D.S. Guru inaugurates, JSS Mahavidyapeetha College Education Division Director Prof. T.D. Subbanna presides, College premises, **10.30 am.**

Kannada Janapada Parishat, Mysuru District: Inauguration of NR Constituency unit by Minister Tanveer Sait, Parishat Bengaluru President Dr. S. Balaji presides, Alumni Hall, Government CPC Polytechnic College, **11 am.**

Music and Performing Arts University: World Theatre Day celebrations, senior theatrist Dr. Na. Ratna inaugurates, lecture by theatrist Prof. H.S. Umesh, Music University VC Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar presides, Play 'Exploitation and towards empowerment' by Dr. R. Purnima; Launch of theatrist Srikanta Gundappa's website 'Ranga Nidhi' and releasing of book 'Jote Kootu Maatu,' Ranga Geetegalu' by theatre students, Music University premises, **11 am.**

Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Spandana Mahila Balaha, Mysuru: 'Siddhaganga Shivakumara Sri' award presentation to Dr. S. Shivarajappa, Music University VC Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar inaugurates, thinker Prof. Malali Vasanthakumar speaks, Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Parishat premises, Palace North Gate, **5 pm.**

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Parampare: Vaachana - Vyakhyana of Valmiki Ramayana, Rama Niryana Talamaddale, Vid. Keshava Hegde Kolagi will be Bhagavataru and Vidwan Shankara Bhagavatha Yallapura will accompany on mridanga, In mummela, Dr. Umakanth Bhat, Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj, Vid. Narayana Desai and Vid. Ganapathi Bhatta Sankadagundi will perform, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana (Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha), JLB Road, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artists Association: World Theatre Day celebrations, senior theatrist Dr. Rameshwari Verma inaugurates, theatrist K.R. Sumati speaks, Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Chennappa will be present, Ranga Geetegalu by B.R. Raghavendra & troupe, Maneyangala premises, Kalamandira, **6 pm.**

Sri Kalabhairaveshwara Temple: Kalabhairaveshwara Rathotsava, Mass feeding, **12.30 pm;** Sugama Sangeetha Concert, Temple premises, 8th cross, 2nd main road, Ashokapuram, **7.30 pm.**

Rotary District Governor visits Rotary Ivory City

Mysuru, Mar.26- **Rtn. Dr. R.S. Nagarjuna,** District Governor of RI Dist.3181, spoke on the achievements and goals of Rotary International during his official visit to Rotary Club of Ivory City Mysuru recently.

Complimenting the Club on its social service projects which he had visited at the adopted village of Marballi on H.D. Kote Road, he stressed the need for preventing fires and other causes affecting forests in Bandipur, Nagarahole and Madeshwara Hills.

Awards were presented to upcoming sports persons M.V. Spoorthi (Table Tennis) and Rajat Singh (Kick Boxing) for their impressive achievements.

An amount of Rs. 25,000 was donated to the Palliative Care project of the Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM). Rotarians, who had become Paul Harris Fellows, were recognised and Rtn. Dr. M.K. Sachidanandan was felicitated for receiving the Five Avenues of Service Award from Rotary International.

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